

## **HelpDesk OSP – User Manual**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

With *HelpDesk OSP* support cases – or other issues that need to be tracked – are formalized in tickets, which are filled out automatically or manually. As the tickets are gathered at a SharePoint site it is easy to organize and co-operate on them, and they can be reached from everywhere over the internet.

*HelpDesk OSP* can also be used in other cases when you need to publish information to SharePoint. As *HelpDesk OSP* transfers images from e-mails to SharePoint list items, using *HelpDesk OSP* is a smooth way to get images into list items. It is much easier to add images to an e-mail than to add them directly into a SharePoint list item.

We hope that you will get a good understanding of *HelpDesk OSP* by studying this manual and the online video demonstrations. You are welcome to print the manual or parts of it and use it within your organization. You may also change or add text or images so that the manual better suits your needs. To make this easy we have opted to create it in DOCX format, as well as in PDF.

When we talk about **clients** in this manual we mean the people who are handling the tickets, for example members of a support team, or the machines used by them.

In this manual we mostly talk about e-mail conversion, but *HelpDesk OSP* can also create SharePoint list items from Outlook appointments and tasks.

The images in this manual are mostly from Outlook 2013 and SharePoint 2013, but you may use *HelpDesk OSP* with lower versions also, refer to Requirements.

The *HelpDesk OSP* application combines three parts:

- An Outlook add-on which is installed on every machine where tickets should be created with *HelpDesk OSP*. The add-on can also be installed in Outlook on a server, for example for automatic conversion from Outlook Web Access.
- One or several SharePoint list(s)
- An integrated statistics tool with an Excel report generator

The Outlook add-on has

- A button which allows you to manually create a support ticket from the selected e-mail, appointment or task. (The conversion can also be done automatically.) The items can be converted into tickets complete with formatting, priority, sender information and attachments.
- A button for creating a blank ticket, for example if you receive a telephone call or simply wish to publish something to SharePoint from your Outlook. Caller information may be taken from the Outlook Contacts or the GAL.
- A link to the **Report generator** and Excel report.
- A **Settings form** that handles the connection between Outlook and SharePoint.



Convert  
E-mail ▾



Blank  
Ticket ▾

 Statistics

 Configure

The Outlook add-on can also have other buttons; refer to *The HelpDesk OSP Buttons in Outlook*.

If you have **several Outlook profiles**, *HelpDesk OSP* will work on all of them.

## 2 REQUIREMENTS

To install and use *HelpDesk OSP* you need to have **Microsoft Office 2007 or above** installed on each client. Both the 32-bit and the 64-bit versions of Office 2010 and 2013 are supported.

You also need a **SharePoint site, version 2007 or above**. Also Office 365 Outlook and SharePoint are supported.

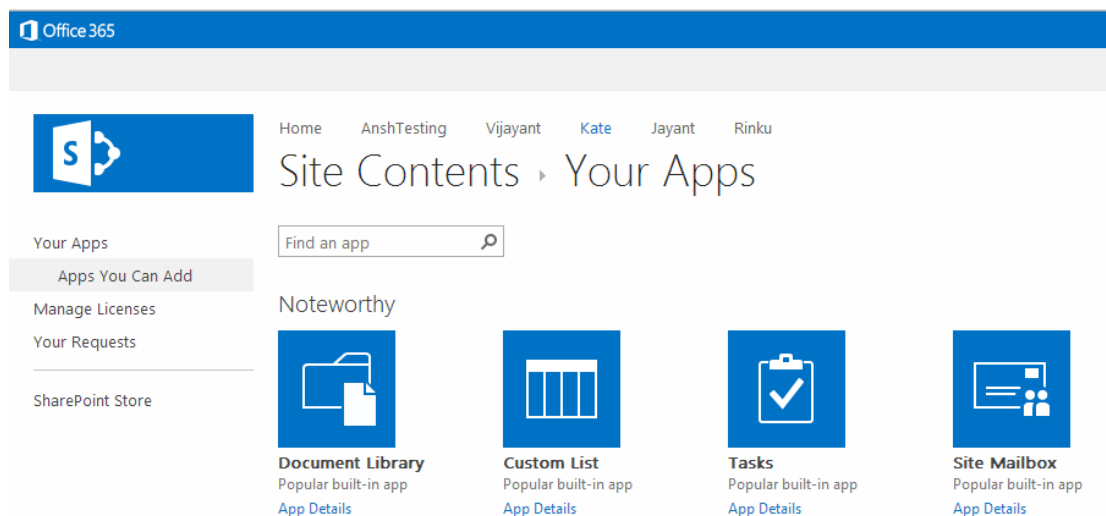
*HelpDesk OSP* works with all **SharePoint lists**, and those lists can be hosted on many brands of SharePoint as well as both the SharePoint Services versions and the SharePoint Portal Server and MOSS versions.

*HelpDesk OSP* helps you get more out of those platforms, but it does not assist you with the general configuring of them.

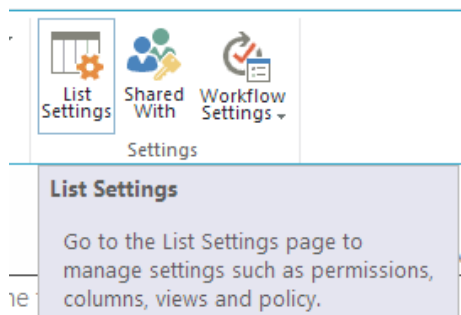
Each client also needs to have .NET Framework 4.0 or higher installed. .NET Framework may be download for free from Microsoft at <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=131000>. If a client without .NET Framework 4.0 tries to open the Configure dialog he gets a message asking him to download this application.

## 3 THE SHAREPOINT SITE

If you want to use *HelpDesk OSP* with SharePoint, you must have a SharePoint site set up and functioning. It does not matter if it is hosted online or in-house. Often the Issue tracking list or the Tasks list is suited for helpdesk tickets, but you can use any of the templates provided by Microsoft and customize it after your needs.



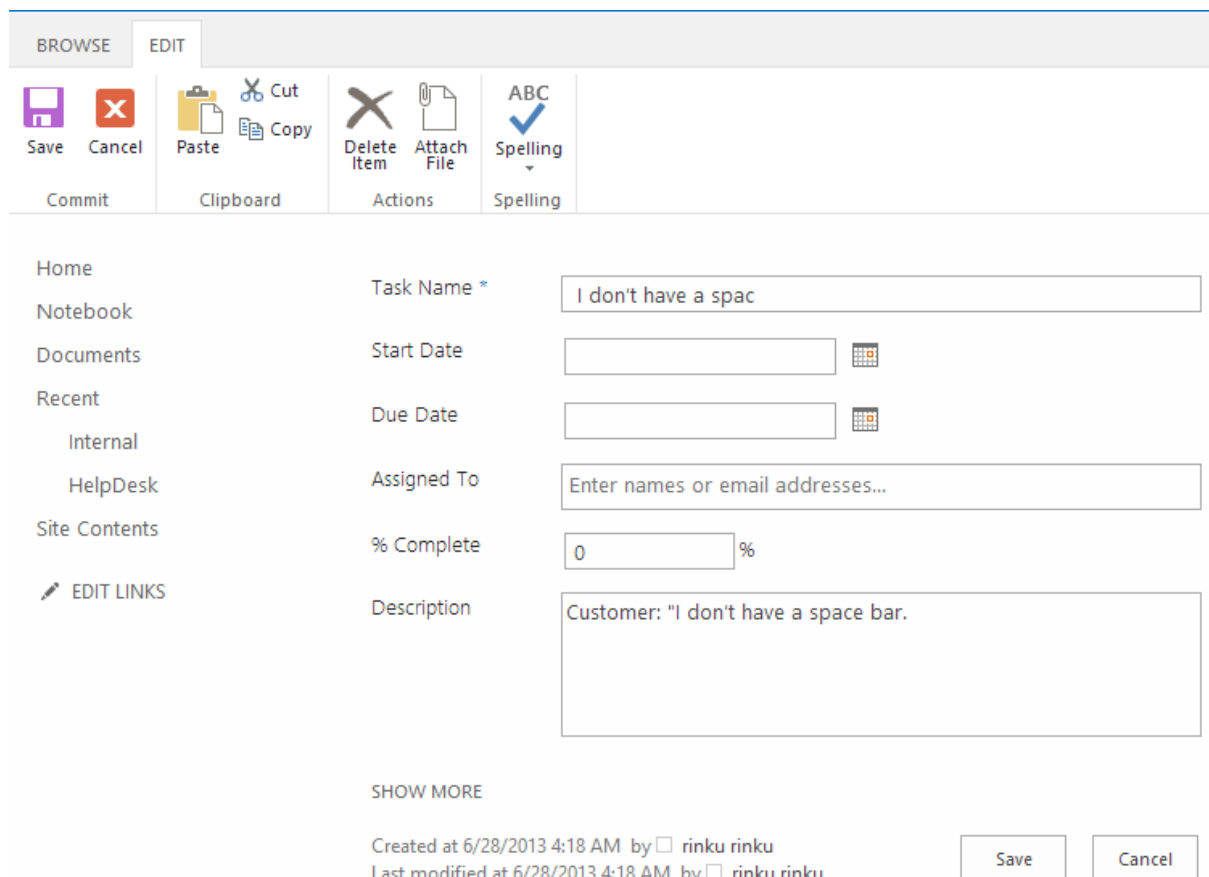
The design of the tickets is very easy to customize, like with all lists in SharePoint.



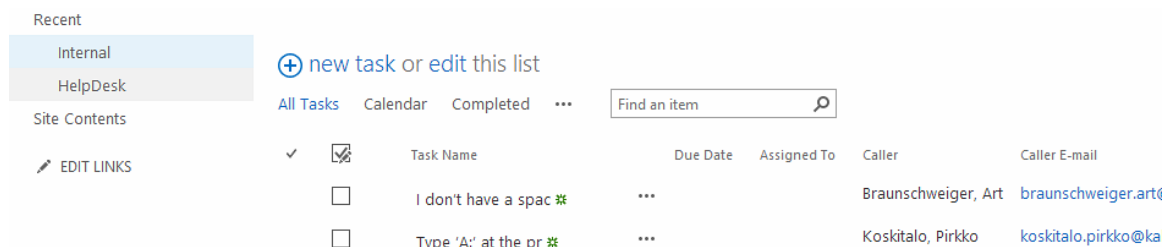
However, **without** *HelpDesk OSP*, there is no connection to Outlook, no e-mail conversion feature, no automatic information about who is calling or having the problem and no address book integration.

## 4 THE *HELPDESK OSP* TICKET

*HelpDesk OSP* tickets are regular SharePoint list items. When an e-mail is converted to a ticket with *HelpDesk OSP*, the Description field of the ticket will get the same formatting as the e-mail body, and attached files can be included.



The ticket is shown in the list as a SharePoint list item and can be treated in the same way as any other list item.



Task Name	Due Date	Assigned To	Caller	Caller E-mail
I don't have a spac	...	Braunschweiger, Art	Braunschweiger, Art	braunschweiger.art@...
Type 'A:' at the pr	...	Koskitalo, Pirkko	Koskitalo, Pirkko	koskitalo.pirkko@ka...

When the e-mail has embedded or inline images, they will appear at exactly the same place when the e-mail has been converted to a ticket. If the image has links they will work in the ticket also. As it is easier to add an image to an e-mail than to add it in SharePoint, *HelpDesk OSP* is usable for all situations when you need to add images to SharePoint list items.

NOTE that this only works if the column that is mapped with the e-mail body field is set to Enhanced rich text.

Specify the type of text to allow:

- ☐ Plain text
- ☐ Rich text (Bold, italics, text alignment, hyperlinks)
- ☒ Enhanced rich text (Rich text with pictures, tables, and hyperlinks)

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BROWSE

EDIT

Save

Cancel

Paste

Cut

Copy

Delete Item

Attach File

ABC

Spelling

Commit

Clipboard

Actions

Spelling

Home

Notebook

Documents

Recent

Internal

HelpDesk

Site Contents

EDIT LINKS

Task Name \*

Dog show


Assigned To

Description

Hi,

How about this one for the next show?

Sigge



Priority

(3) Low

Task Status

Not Started

Caller

Kate Kalmström

Caller E-mail

svenska@tallstugan.se

Attachments

603829.jpg

Delete

Created at 6/29/2013 7:16 AM by ☐ rinku rinku

Last modified at 6/29/2013 12:44 PM by ☐ rinku rinku

Save

Cancel

## 5 INSTALLATION OF *HELPDESK OSP*

### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

**Outlook should be closed** during the installation.

When you run the downloaded file, **HelpDeskOSPSetup.msi**, and are asked if you want to run it, please confirm that it is digitally signed by Kalmstrom Enterprises AB, the company behind the brand kalmstrom.com Business Solutions. If the file is not digitally signed, you should not run it.

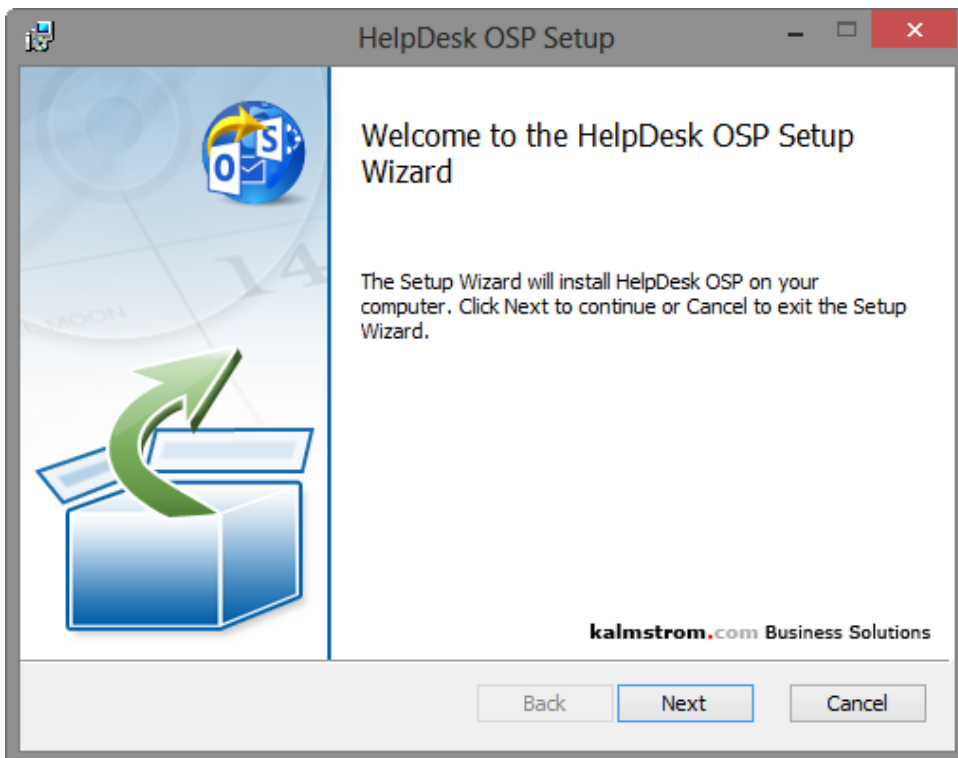
When you have clicked the **HelpDeskOSPSetup.msi** file and accepted the license agreements, the file handles the installation by itself.

By default the *HelpDesk OSP* files are installed under **Program files (x86)/kalmstrom.com/HelpDesk OSP** (64-bit operating system) or **Program files/kalmstrom.com/HelpDesk OSP** (32-bit), and if you accept this location there are no choices to make.

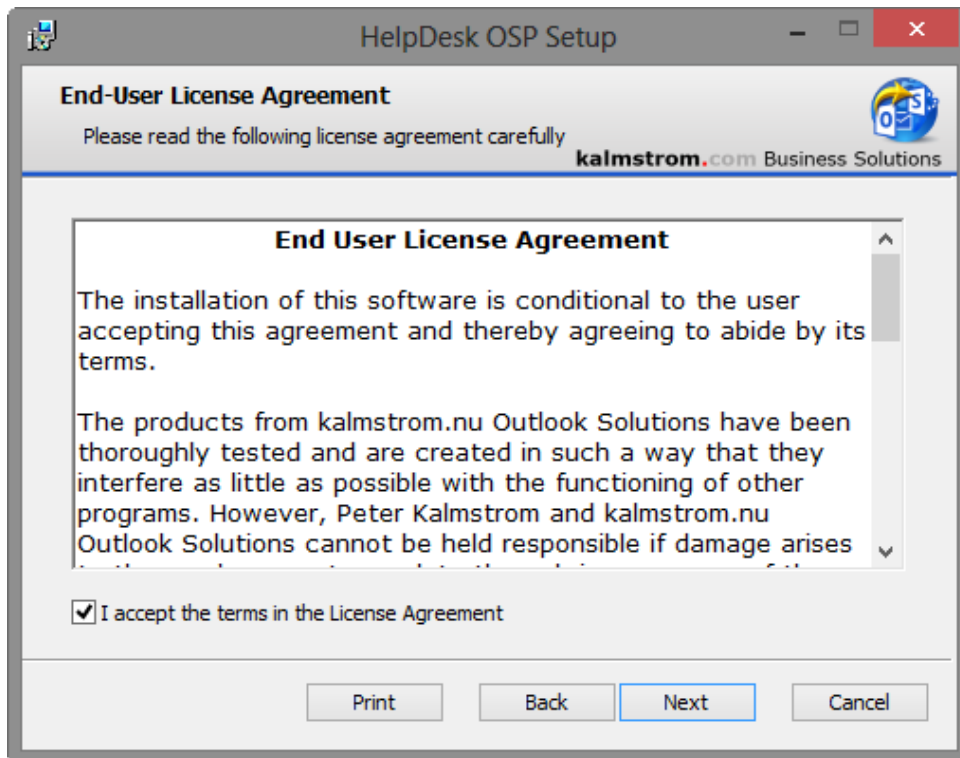
### 5.2 PROCESS

These are the installation steps:

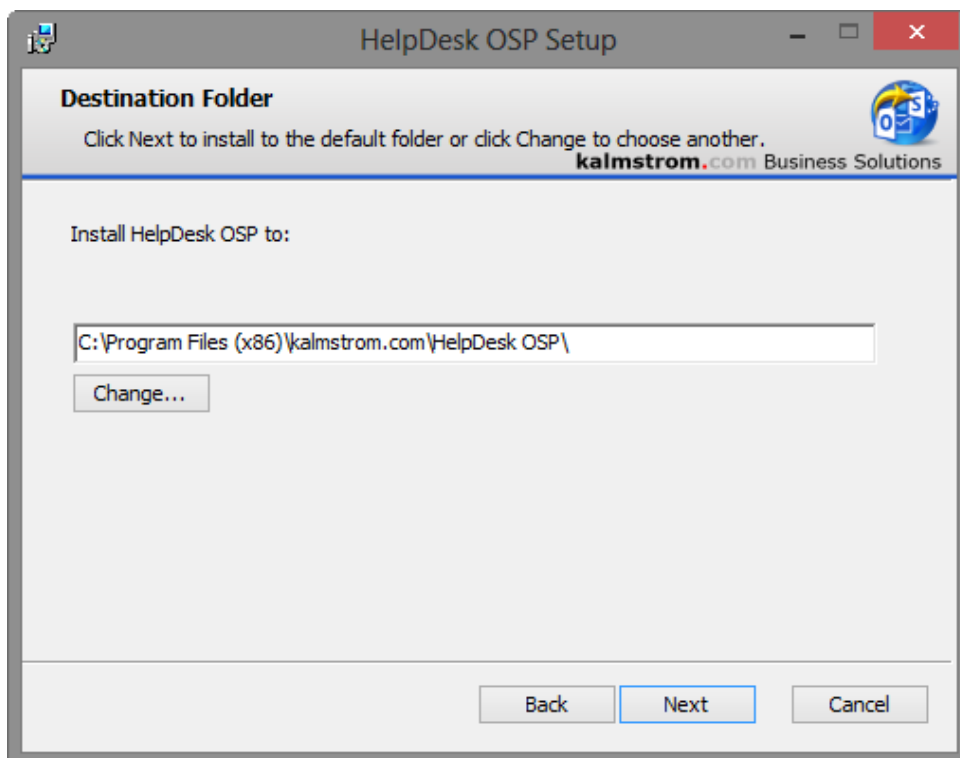
Welcome screen



Accept the License Agreement

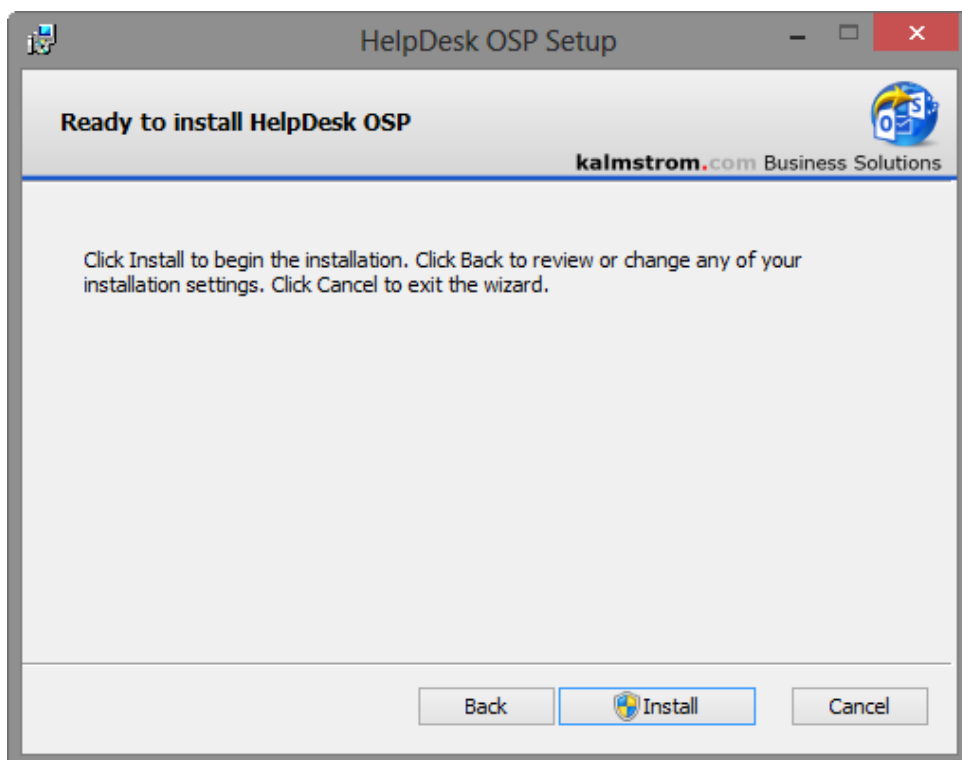


Select installation folder – or use the default one under Program files.

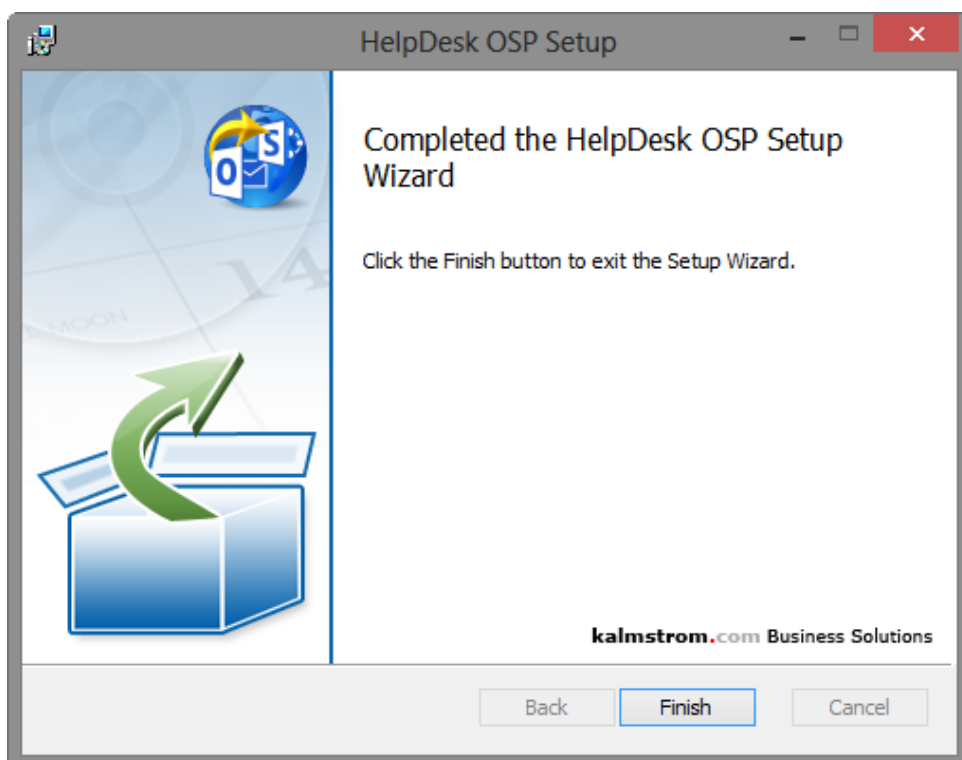




Confirm the installation



When the installation is finished you will get a message that it has succeeded.



When the installation is finished, you will have the following files in Program files/kalmstrom.com/HelpDesk OSP (32-bit Windows) or Program files (x86)/kalmstrom.com/HelpDesk OSP (64-bit Windows) – or in the folder you decided, if you changed the default folder.
































For a full description of the files and their purpose, refer to General Architecture.

When you open Outlook after the installation you can see a new **Configure** button in the Outlook ribbon.



(After you have clicked the Configure button and defined the settings, you will have more buttons, for Creating a ticket from e-mail, for creating a Blank ticket and for Reports. Also refer to *The HelpDesk OSP Buttons in Outlook.* )

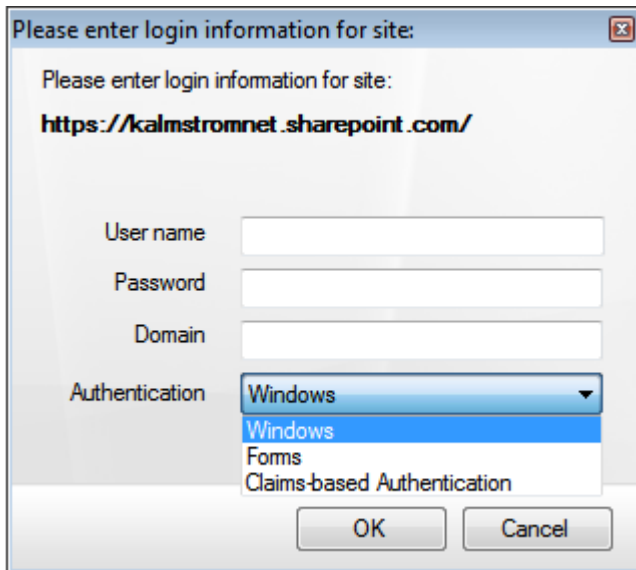
#### Name

-  AddinExpress.MSO.2005.dll
-  adxloader.dll
-  adxloader.dll.manifest
-  adxloader64.dll
-  Extensibility.dll
-  HelpDeskOSP.dll
-  HelpDeskOSP.pdb
-  HOSP.exe
-  HOSPCommonCodes.dll
-  HOSPCommonCodes.pdb
-  HOSPExampleData.exe
-  HOSPStatistics.exe
-  HOSPTicketMerge.exe
-  Interop.ADODB.dll
-  Interop.ADOX.dll
-  Interop.SHDocVw.dll
-  kalmstrom.dll
-  kalmstrom.pdb
-  Microsoft.IdentityModel.dll
-  Microsoft.Office.Interop.Outlook.dll
-  Microsoft.SharePoint.Client.dll
-  Microsoft.SharePoint.Client.Runtime.dll
-  Microsoft.Vbe.Interop.dll
-  NoProgress.dll
-  Office.dll
-  Office.xml
-  SafeKalmstrom.dll
-  SafeKalmstrom64.dll
-  SecurityManager.2005.dll
-  SetupActions.CA.dll
-  System.Web.Extensions.dll

## 6 LOG IN

When you use *HelpDesk OSP* for the first time, you must log in to the SharePoint site that should be connected to *HelpDesk OSP*. You can opt to save your credentials, and in that case you don't have to log in later.

For best security the password is encrypted when saved to the file **HOSPSettings.xml**. The information about username, password and monitored e-mail folder is also stored locally, while information about site and list mapping is stored in the Global settings list on the SharePoint site.



If you select to **remember the login info**, these details can be seen, tested and changed in the Credential Store of the *HelpDesk OSP* Settings, see Credential Store.

## 6.1 AUTHENTICATION

By default Windows Authentication is selected, but choose Forms if your SharePoint site has Forms Authentication. Choose Claims-based Authentication for Office 365.

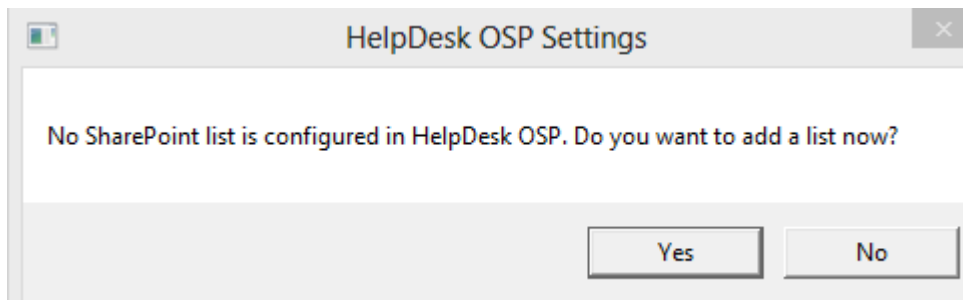
## 7 FIRST TIME USE

When you click the **Configure** button in Outlook – or run the file **HOSP.exe** – after the installation, the main Configure screen opens.

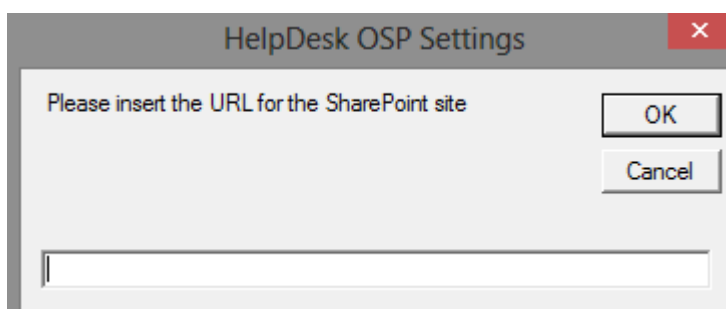


## 7.1 ADD A LIST

The first time you click the configure button *HelpDesk OSP* wants to know what SharePoint list(s) to use for converted e-mails and blank tickets.

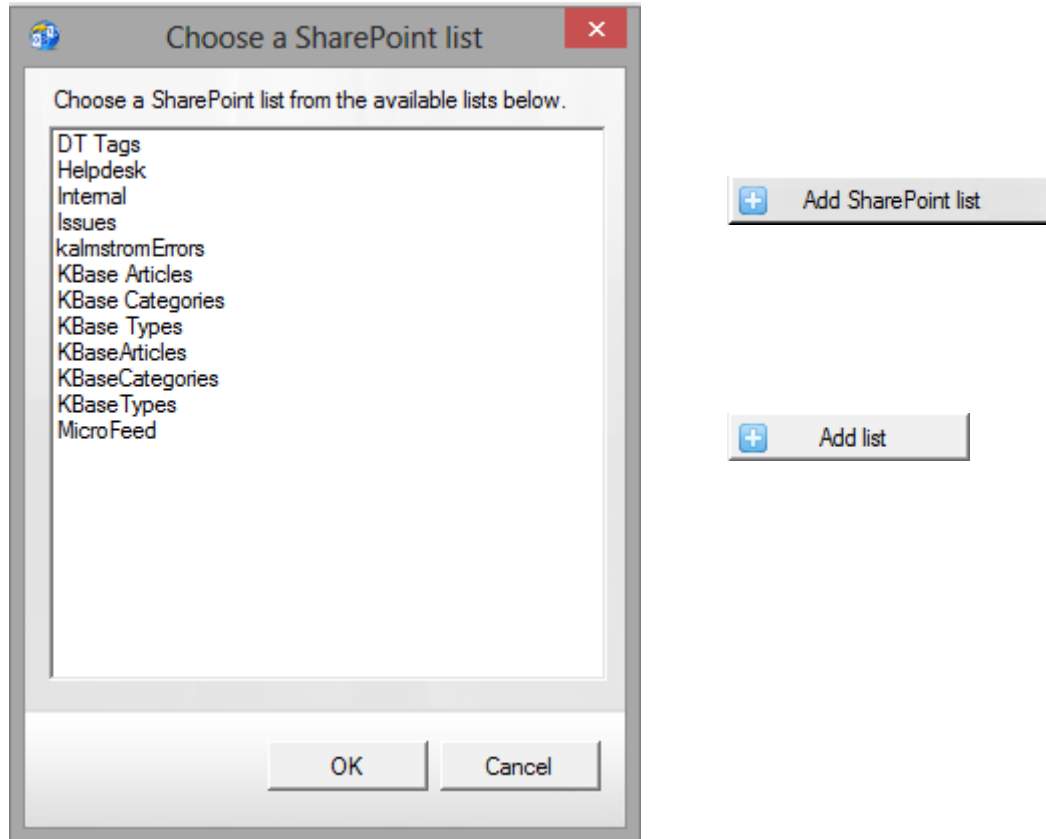


Click Yes, and you will be asked to enter a SharePoint **site**.



Now you will be prompted to **log in** to the SharePoint site you have entered, see Log In above.

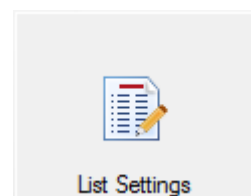
When you have done that all the lists of that SharePoint site will be shown, and you can **select the list** you need.



Use the **Add SharePoint list** button in the List Settings dialog or the **Add list** button in the main Configure screen if you wish to add more SharePoint lists.

## 7.2 LIST SETTINGS - DEFINE THE CONNECTION TO SHAREPOINT

When you have selected a list, the List Settings dialog will open. You can also always open the List Settings using the button in the main Configure screen.



In the List Settings dialog you can define how the connection between Outlook and SharePoint should work. Select **to what columns in the list item the different parts of the e-mail should be published**, and decide if e-mail attachments should be added to the list items. Here you can also add and remove lists.

When you for example want the Subject of the e-mail to be filled out in the Title field of the list item, you select Title from the drop down. The drop downs are populated with the columns of the list you have chosen to use with *HelpDesk OSP*.

You can map multiple e-mail fields to the same SharePoint list column if you so wish.

*HelpDesk OSP* supports the SharePoint column types Single line text, Multiple lines of text and Choice.

## 8 THE GLOBAL SETTINGS LIST

The first time a user configures the connection between Outlook and SharePoint a **Global list** is added to the site. The list settings defined by this user are saved into an item in the Global list. This way the first user of *HelpDesk OSP* in the organization defines the list settings for all users. Since the first user creates this Global list he needs to have **Design** or **Full control** permission over the SharePoint site.

### 8.1 SUBSEQUENT USERS

When the first user has selected SharePoint list(s) and defined the conversion information and when the subsequent users connect to the same site, these settings are loaded from the site.

Each time a user selects a site to connect to *HelpDesk OSP*, the application checks if there is Global list with settings for *HelpDesk OSP* on that site. If there is, *HelpDesk OSP* loads the settings in the Global list from the site. (If there is *no* Global list, this user is considered to be the first user, and the application will create a Global list with the settings that this user defines and saves.)

Therefore the subsequent users only have to log in and select a SharePoint list – or several lists.

### 8.2 LIST EDITS

When a user **changes and saves** the list settings, the settings in the Global list are also updated. This way all users get the updated settings next time they connect to the site.

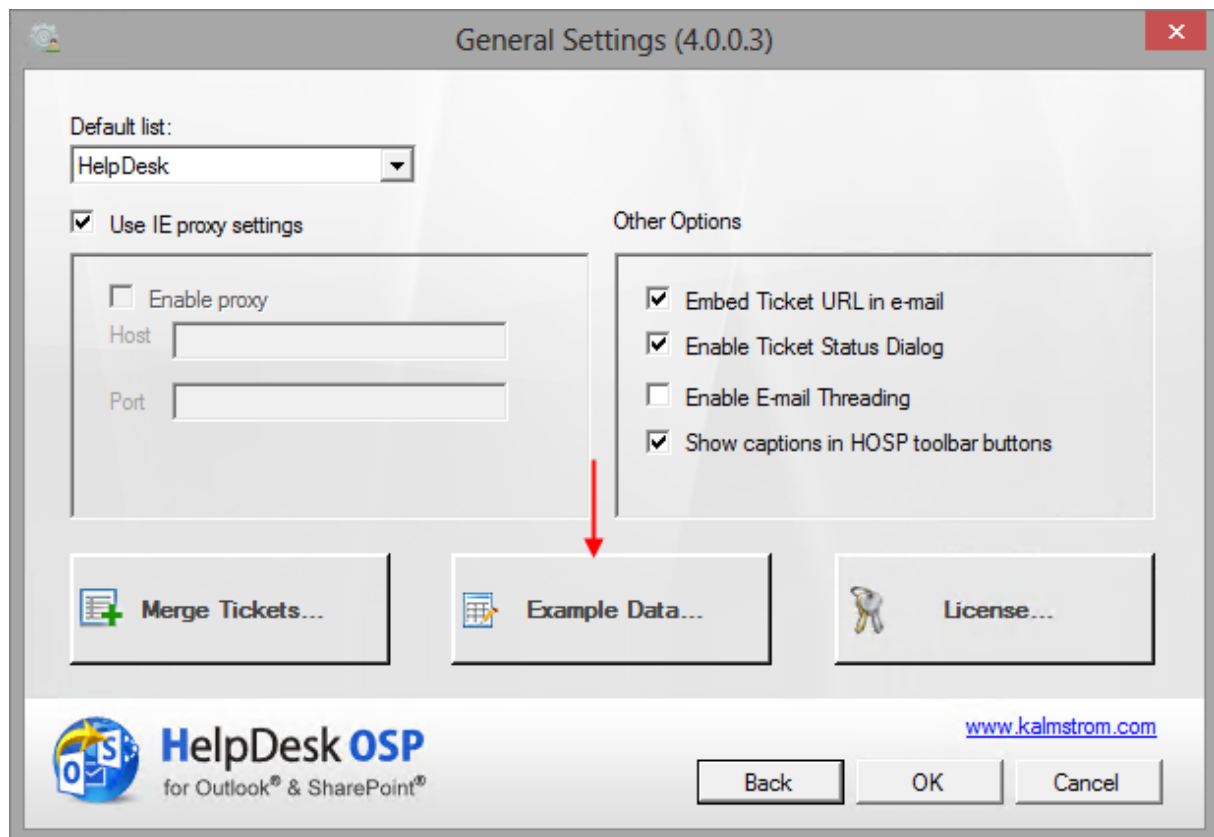
## 9 EXAMPLE DATA – FOR EVALUATORS

If *HelpDesk OSP* is new to you, it might be a good idea to load Example Data. They will give you an opportunity to see how *HelpDesk OSP* works when you have much data in it, what performance you can expect and so on. You can edit the Example Data according to your needs, and from the Example Data you can create tickets in the selected SharePoint list.

### 9.1 LAUNCH THE EXAMPLE DATA APPLICATION

The Example Data application is launched via the General Settings dialog.

However, **before** you launch the Example Data you have to select a SharePoint list, refer to First Time Use.



## 9.2 EXAMPLE DATA SECTIONS

The Example Data application contains four sections:

1. Callers: - Details about the callers, like Caller Name, E-mail Address, Telephone number and Category.
2. Questions: - Details regarding the queries, like Subject and question.
3. List: - From this dropdown you should select the SharePoint list you have configured.
4. Number of tickets: - Enter how many tickets you want to create.



HelpDesk OSP Example Data

Callers

Questions


	Caller Name	Email Address	Phone Number	Category
▶	Accorti, Paolo	accorti.paolo@kalmstrom.nu	40.32.21.21	Administration
	Afonso, Pedro	afonso.pedro@kalmstrom.nu	(11) 555-7647	IT
	Anders, Maria	anders.maria@kalmstrom.nu	(30)-0074321	Research and De
	Angel, Miguel	angel.miguel@kalmstrom.nu	(5) 555-2933	Marketing
	Ashworth, Victoria	ashworth.victoria@kalmstrom.nu	(171) 555-1212	Administration
	Batista, Bernardo	batista.bernardo@kalmstrom.nu	(21) 555-4252	Marketing
	Bennett, Helen	bennett.helen@kalmstrom.nu	(198) 555-8888	Production
	Berglund, Christina	berglund.christina@kalmstrom.nu	0921-12 34 65	Distribution
	Bergulfsen, Jonas	bergulfsen.jonas@kalmstrom.nu	07-98 92 35	Research and De
	Bertrand, Marie	bertrand.marie@kalmstrom.nu	(1) 42.34.22.66	Sales
	Braunschweiger, Art	braunschweiger.art@kalmstrom.nu	(307) 555-4680	Sales
	Brown, Elizabeth	brown.elizabeth@kalmstrom.nu	(171) 555-2282	Human Resource
	Camino, Alejandra	camino.alejandra@kalmstrom.nu	(91) 745 6200	Research and De
	Cartrain, Pascale	cartrain.pascale@kalmstrom.nu	(071) 23 67 22 20	Distribution
	Carvalho, Lúcia	carvalho.lucia@kalmstrom.nu	(11) 555-1189	Distribution

Select list:

HelpDesk

Enter no. of tickets:

10


**HelpDesk OSP**  
for Outlook® & SharePoint®

OK

Cancel

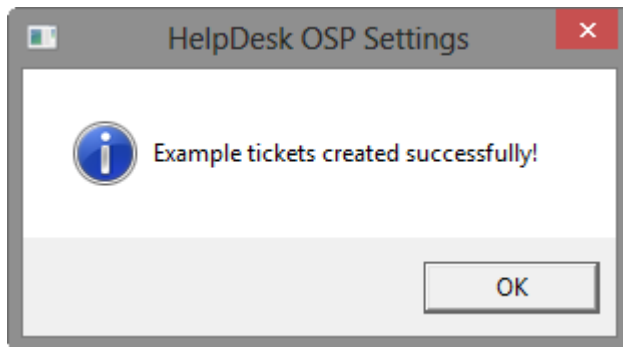
### 9.3 EDITING EXAMPLE DATA

You can adapt the Example Data to your needs by editing or deleting them. You can also add new data in the grid.

- **Edit:** To edit an existing row, type the new data over the required row as you do in Excel.
- **Delete:** Select the rows from the row header and press the delete key to delete the selected row(s) from the Example Data.
- **Add:** To add a new row, start filling all columns in last row of the grid. This way you can add new data.

### 9.4 CREATE EXAMPLE TICKETS

Click on the **OK** button, and the application starts to create Example tickets in the SharePoint list you have selected. The time needed for creation of tickets depends on how many tickets you have selected to create. You will get a message when the tickets are created.

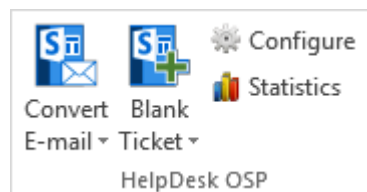


### 9.5 REMOVE EXAMPLE DATA

When you don't want to use the Example Data anymore, just delete the tickets you created from them in the SharePoint list.

## 10 THE *HELPDESK OSP* BUTTONS IN OUTLOOK

When at least one SharePoint list has been configured for *HelpDesk OSP*, more new buttons are shown in Outlook.



1. The **Convert e-mail** button allows you to convert an e-mail to a ticket. When several lists are used, the button converts the e-mail to the default list.
2. The **Blank ticket** button allows you to fill out a new ticket when the support question comes in another way. You can pick caller info from your Contacts or Global Address List or fill out the whole ticket manually. See also section 6 about Usage below. When several lists are used, the button creates the list item in the default list.
3. The **Statistics** button takes you to the dialog where you can generate Excel reports from list data.

When you open an e- mail in Outlook 2010 and 2013 you will also find a conversion button there.

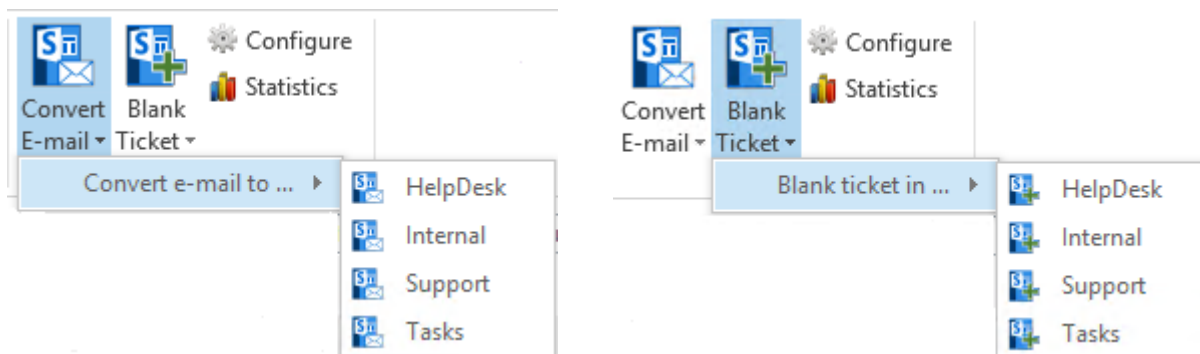
### 10.1 MULTIPLE LISTS

In the Outlook 2010 and 2013 ribbons *HelpDesk OSP* only has two buttons, Convert e-mail and Blank ticket, even if you use several lists.

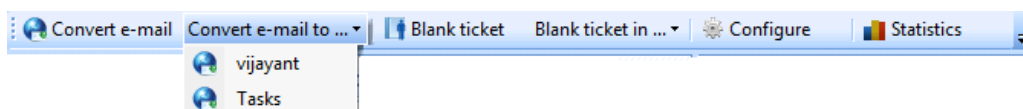
When you press the icon on the button, the default list will be selected automatically.

When you press the text on the button, or the little arrow, you will get a choice of lists.

So if you have a selection of several lists but want the ticket to be placed in the default list, just click on the Convert e-mail or the Blank ticket icon.



In Outlook 2007 you will get two more buttons in Outlook if more than one list is configured for use with *HelpDesk OSP*: "Convert e-mail to" and "Blank ticket in". These buttons give you the possibility to select list. To save space you can select to not show the captions, please refer to General Settings.

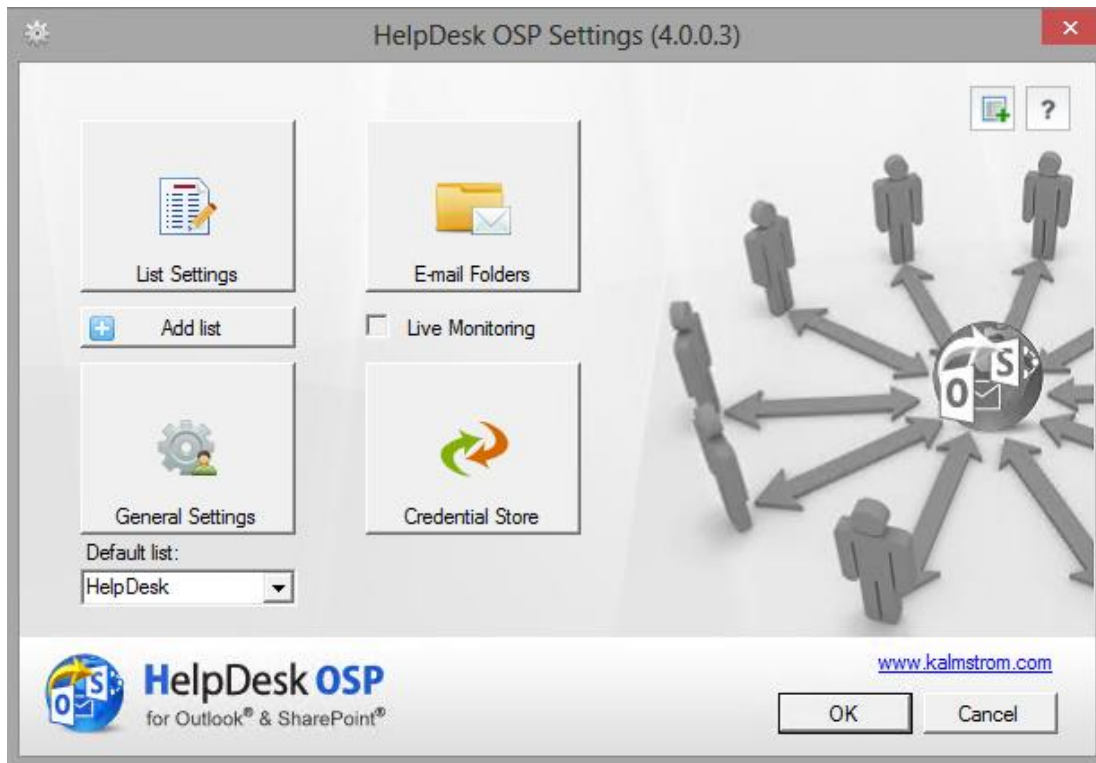


## 11 CONFIGURATION OF *HELPDESK OSP*

When you click the **Configure** button in Outlook – or run the file **HOSP.exe** – the main Configure screen opens.

The main screen has four buttons for different settings dialogs and some quick links to features that you can also find in the settings dialogs. The default list is shown here, and you can add lists and enable Live Monitoring (automatic conversion of e-mails).

The two buttons to the top right is for the Merge tickets feature and for the *HelpDesk OSP* User Manual webpage.

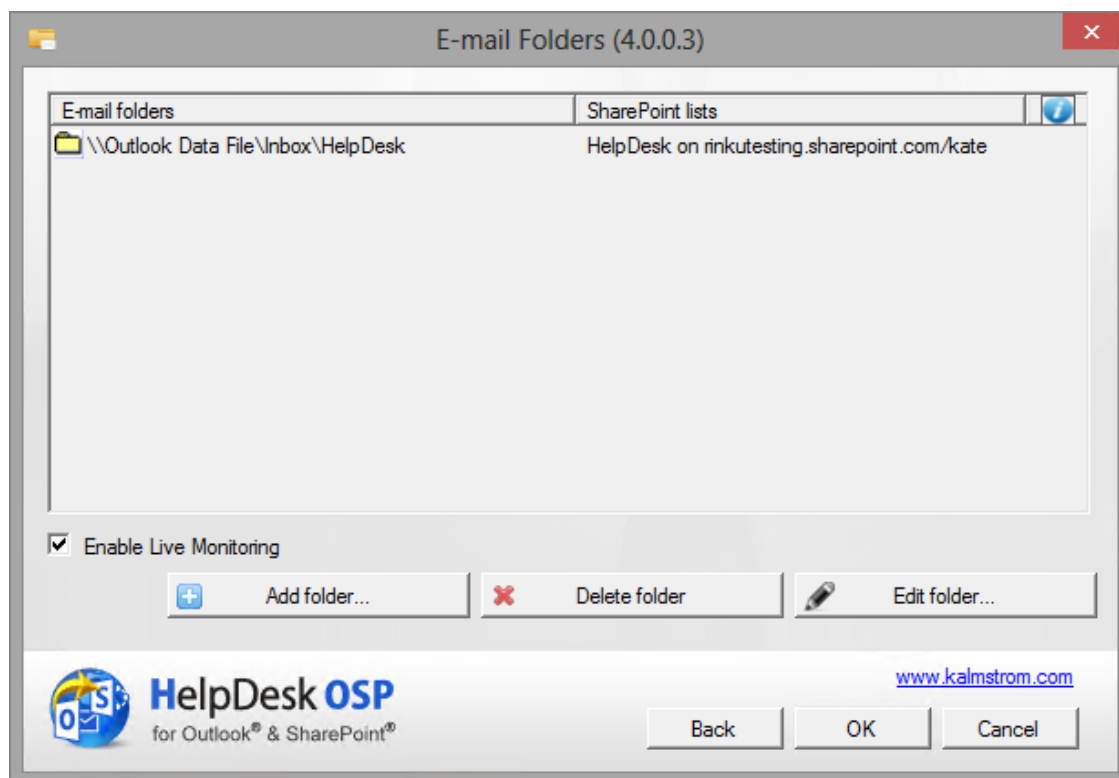


### 11.1 LIST SETTINGS

The List Settings dialog is the first one you use when configuring HelpDesk OSP, and it is described in section 7, First Time Use.

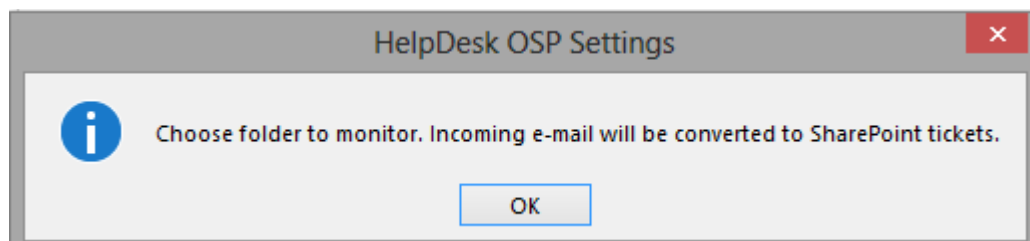
### 11.2 E-MAIL FOLDERS

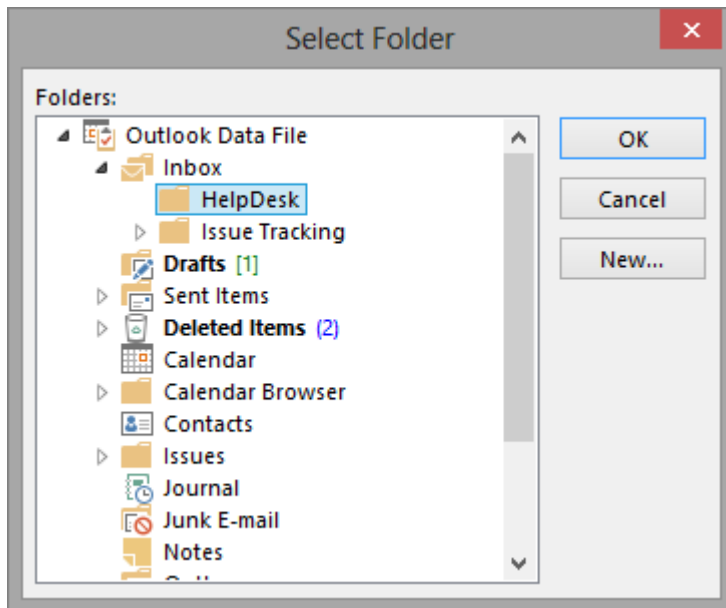
All users who want to convert e-mails to tickets **automatically** must configure how it should be done in the E-mail Folders dialog. The checkbox for Live Monitoring must be checked, but it will not become active until you have added one folder.



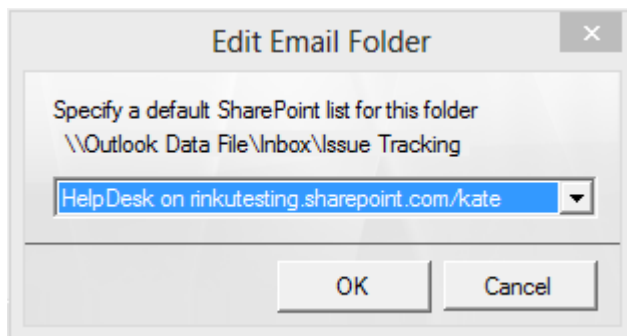
You can Add, Edit and Remove folders to be monitored.

If you click the Add folder button you will be asked to select an Outlook folder to monitor.





When you have selected an Outlook folder to monitor, a small dialog window is launched. It allows you to select a default SharePoint list for that particular folder.



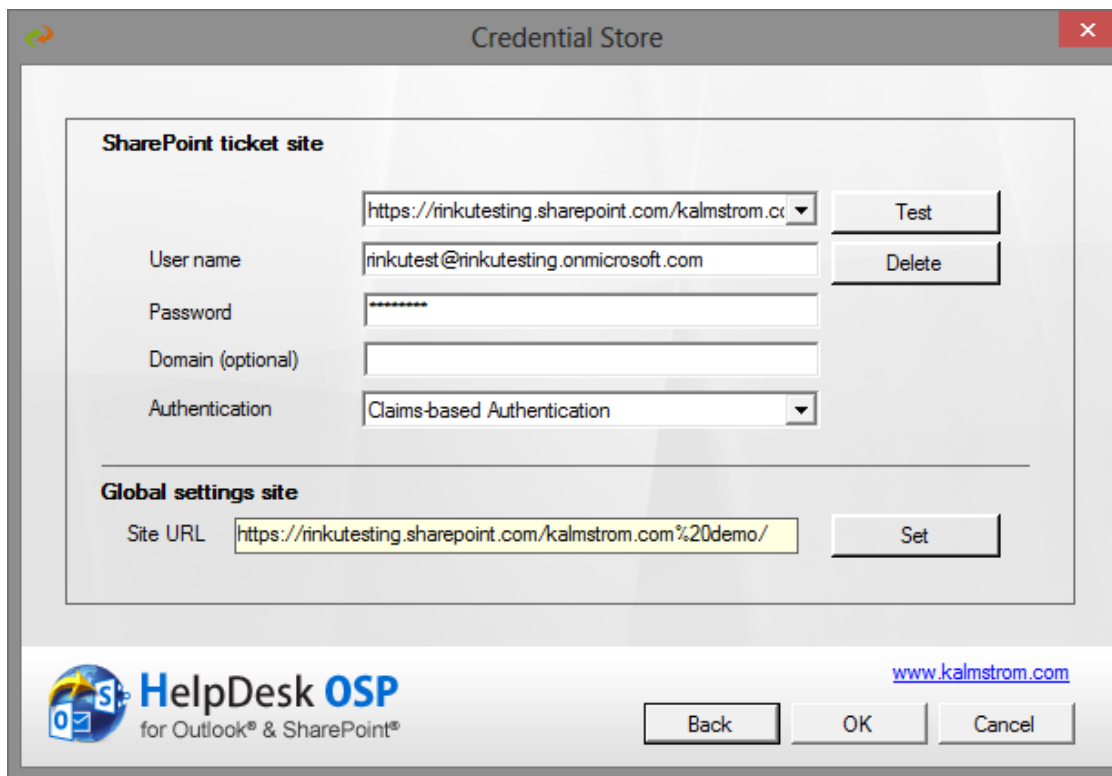
The e-mails from the monitored folder will be placed in a subfolder named **Converted**, once they have been converted.

### 11.2.1 Default lists for different Outlook folders

If you have enabled the automatic conversion and several Outlook folders are monitored, you can select different SharePoint lists for different e-mail folders. This is a simple way to distribute the incoming e-mail to different lists.

For example, e-mails to [sales@company.com](mailto:sales@company.com) can be converted to list items in the SharePoint-list "Sales tickets", while e-mails to [support@company.com](mailto:support@company.com) are converted into list items in the SharePoint-list "Support tickets".

### 11.3 CREDENTIAL STORE



When you configure *HelpDesk OSP* and have entered the path to the SharePoint site you wish to use, you are prompted to enter your log in details. When you have selected to remember them, the **login details** can be seen, tested and changed in the Credential Store of the *HelpDesk OSP* Settings.

Here you can also see and change the path to the global settings site, where the global settings list is saved.

By default Windows Authentication is selected, but choose Forms if your SharePoint site has Forms Authentication. Choose Claims-based Authentication for Office 365.

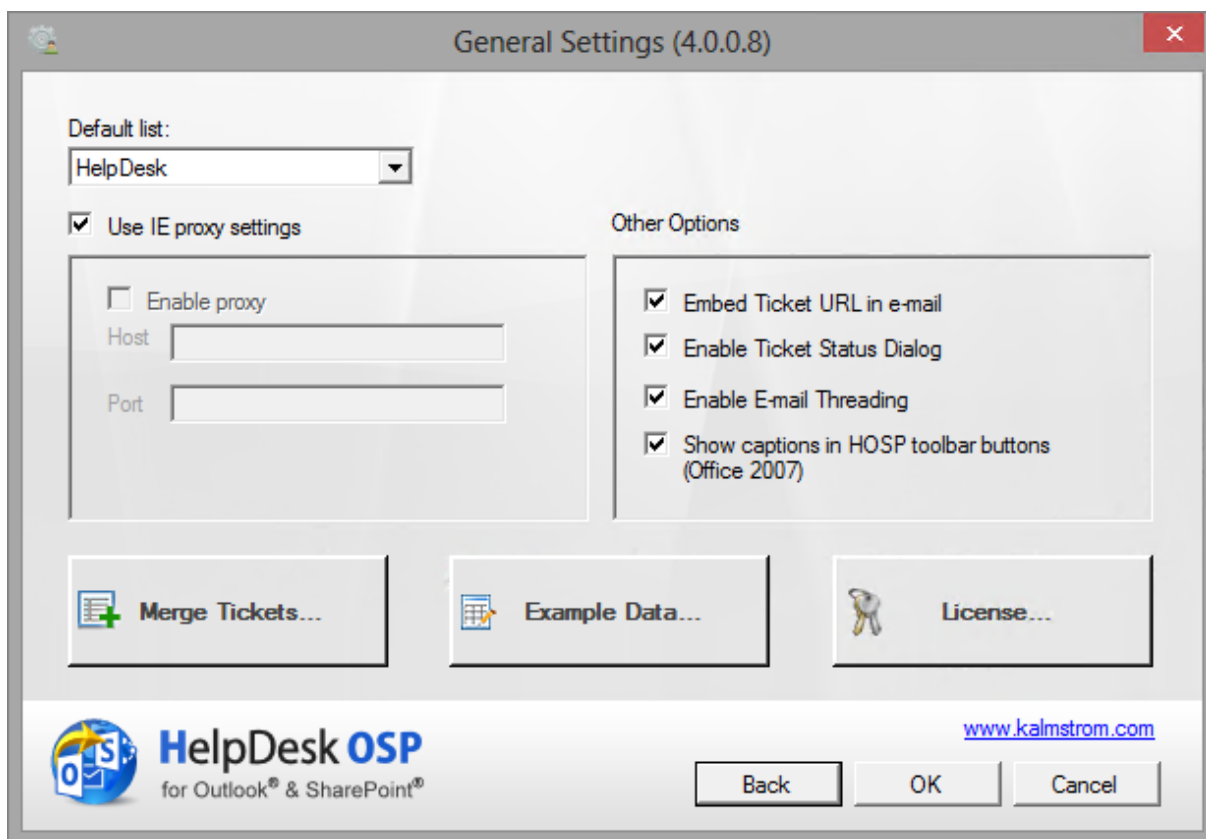
The information about site URL, password and monitored e-mail folder(s) is stored locally on each machine.

### 11.4 GENERAL SETTINGS

In the General Settings dialog some general settings are gathered.

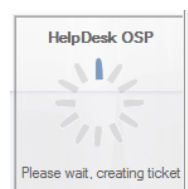
The **default list** is only for **manual conversion** of e-mails to tickets.

The **proxy settings** are helpful for organizations that use a proxy server for their internet connection. By default *HelpDesk OSP* reads the proxy host name and port from Internet Explorer, if proxy is enabled there of course, and makes the connection via the proxy server. Another proxy server address and port may also be used.



In the General Settings dialog there are also four checkboxes:

1. If you don't want an **URL** to the ticket to be shown in the converted e-mail, uncheck the first box.
2. If you use **Live Monitoring** and don't want to be disturbed by the **status dialog** showing that a ticket is created from an e-mail, uncheck the second box.
3. The checkbox for **E-mail threading** is *not* checked by default. For info about how to use this feature, refer to E-mail threading.
4. If you uncheck the last box, the *HelpDesk OSP* the buttons in Outlook 2007 will not have any text. This checkbox is only for Outlook 2007, where *HelpDesk OSP* must have more buttons than in the higher versions when several lists are used.



The **Merge Tickets** button takes you to a dialog where you can merge several tickets into one, *refer to Merge Tickets*.

Via the General Settings dialog you can also create **Example data**, *refer to Example Data* – for evaluators.

A click on the **License button** gives you the Register dialog, *refer to Registration*.

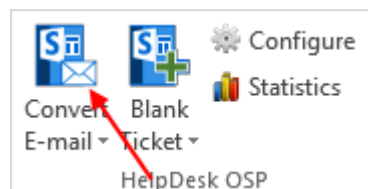


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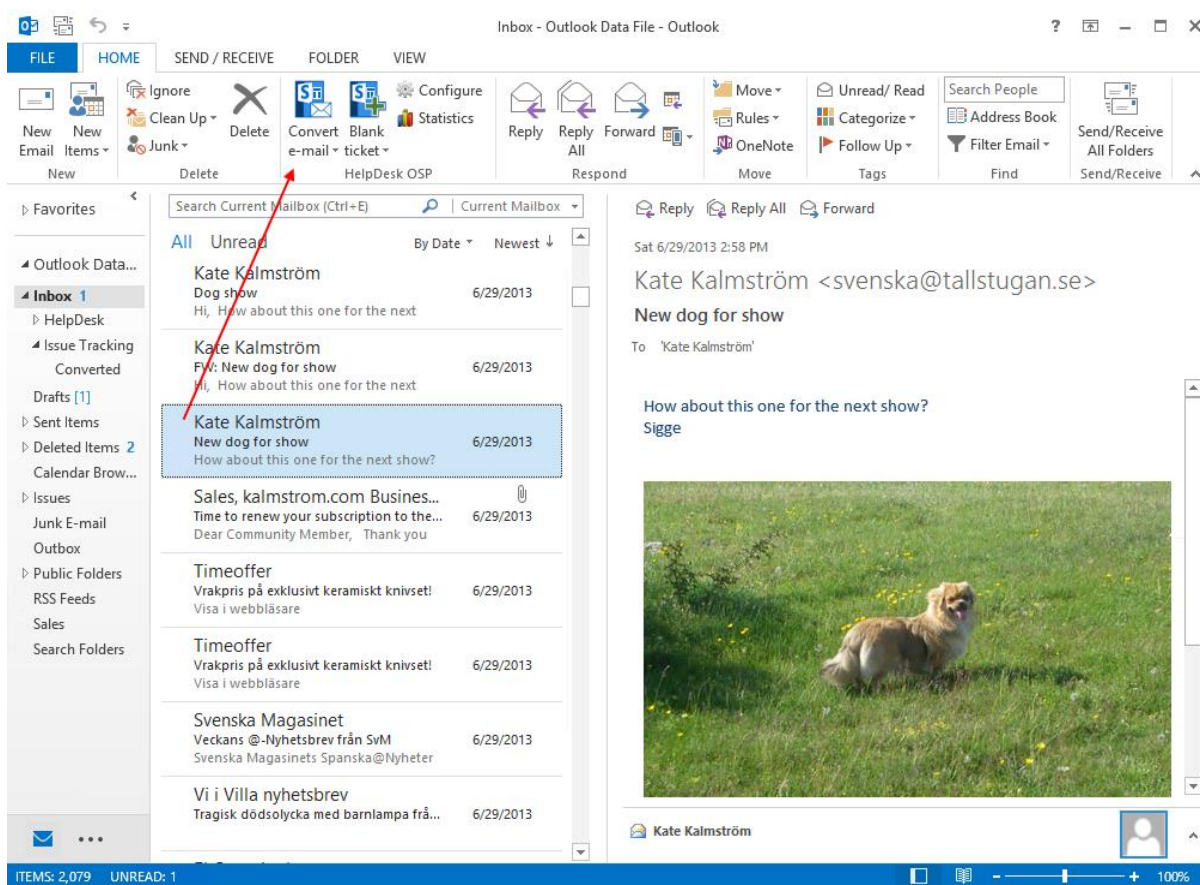
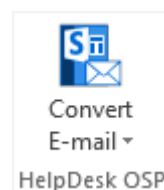
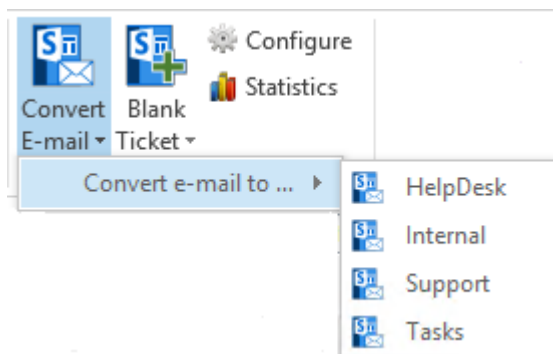
### 12.1 CREATE TICKET FROM E-MAIL MANUALLY

Click the **Convert E-mail** button in the Outlook ribbon to create a ticket from an e-mail manually. The conversion is quick, and you can work with Outlook as usual while it takes place. See also *The HelpDesk OSP Buttons in Outlook*.

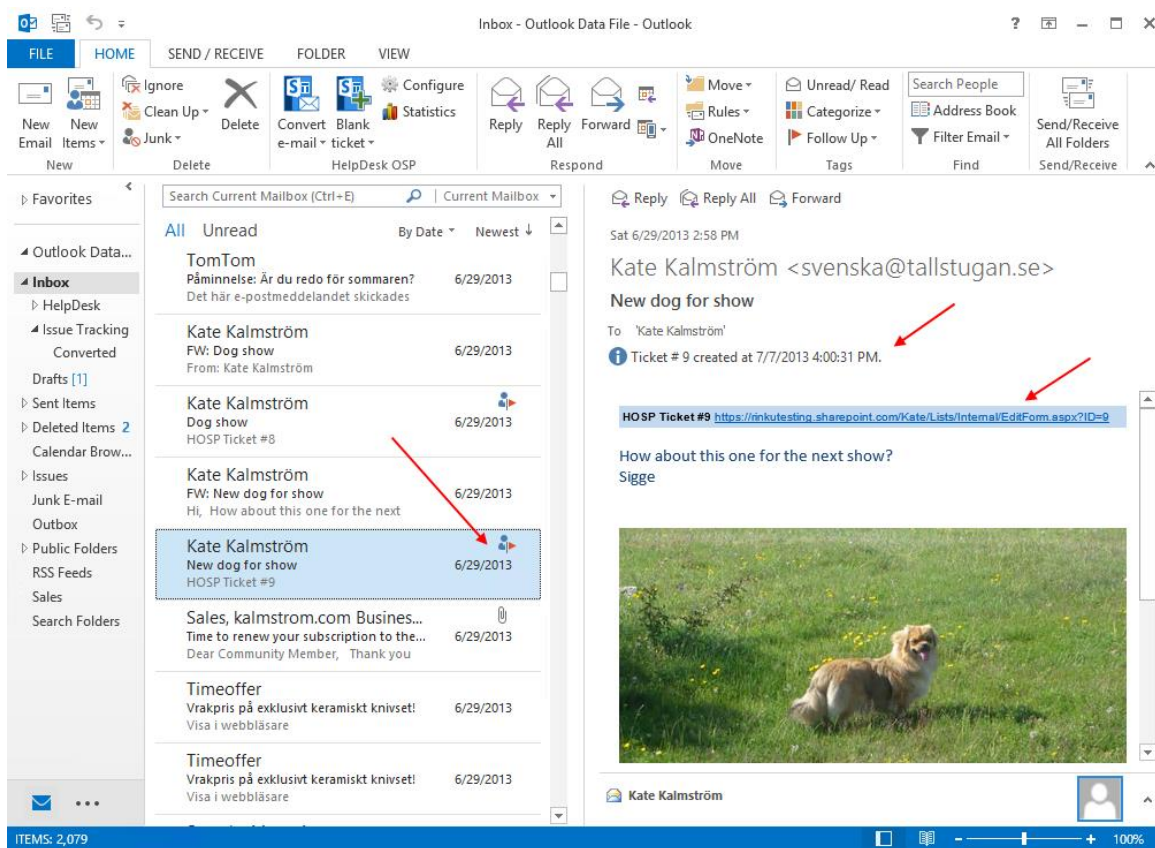
If your workgroup or organization uses more than one SharePoint lists, the button converts the e-mail to the default SharePoint list. To get a choice of lists, click the "Convert E-mail" text or the little arrow.



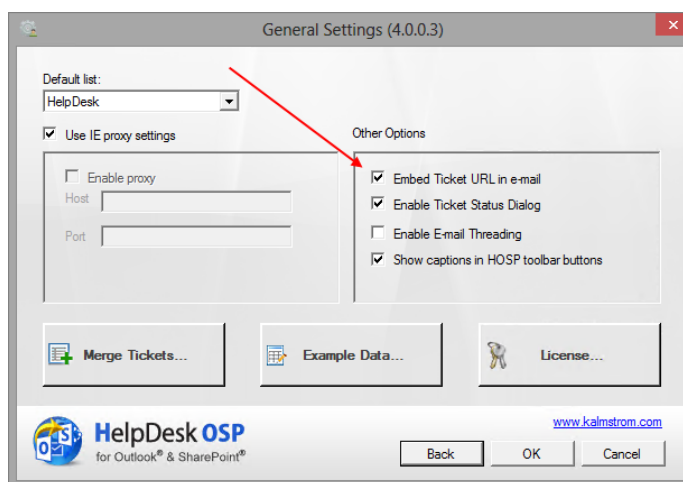
There is also a conversion button in the ribbon of the **open e-mail**.



When the e-mail is converted it gets a small icon. The converted e-mail is marked with ticket number and date and time for conversion.



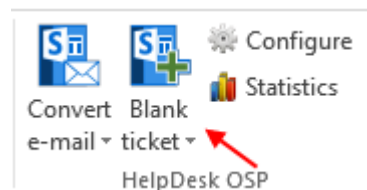
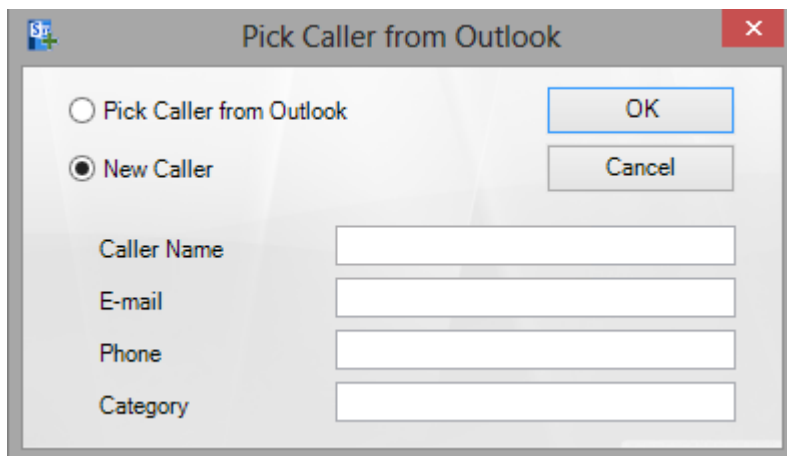
The e-mail also gets the path to the ticket itself - if you have not unchecked that box in the General Settings dialog.



## 12.2 BLANK TICKET

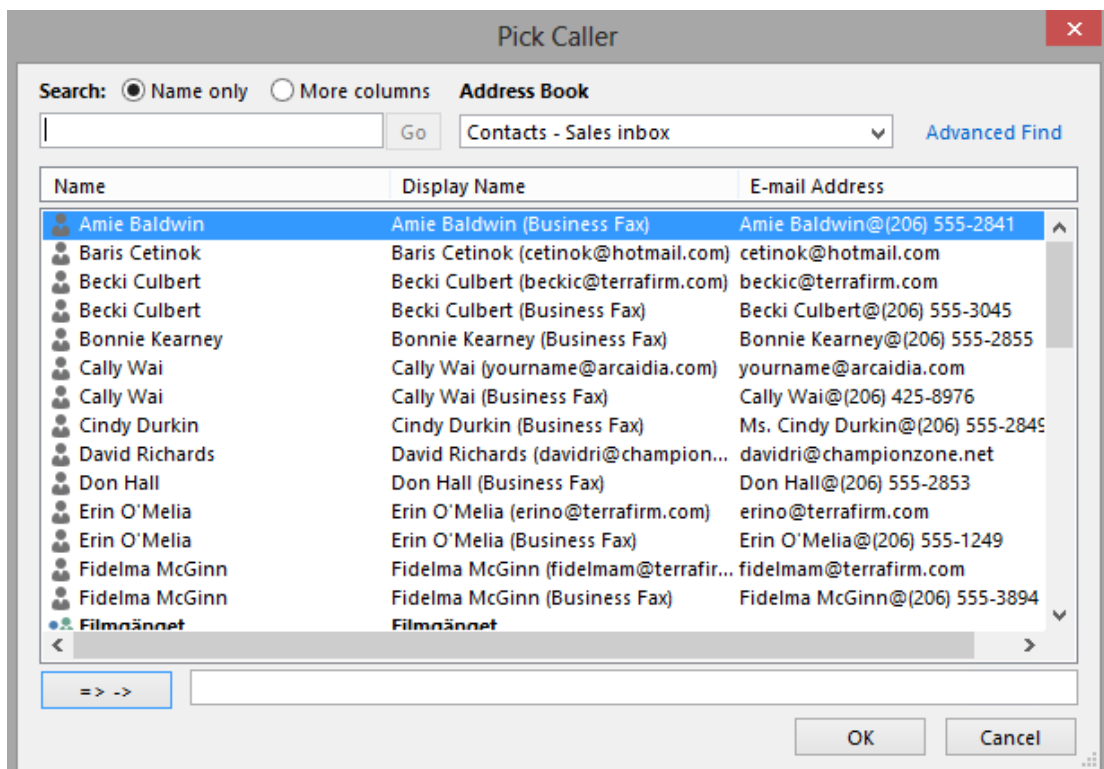
Use the **Blank Ticket** option if you want to create a SharePoint list item directly from Outlook.

When you use the Blank ticket for an issue report received for example by telephone, you may select the caller from the Contacts or the Global address list or fill out that information manually. In other cases you can just leave the caller info section empty and click OK.

The 'Pick Caller from Outlook' dialog box has two radio buttons: 'Pick Caller from Outlook' and 'New Caller'. The 'New Caller' option is selected. Below the radio buttons are four text input fields labeled 'Caller Name', 'E-mail', 'Phone', and 'Category'. There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the top right.

If you want to take caller info from a contacts list, pick the caller and click OK. Then the information will be entered in the new ticket.



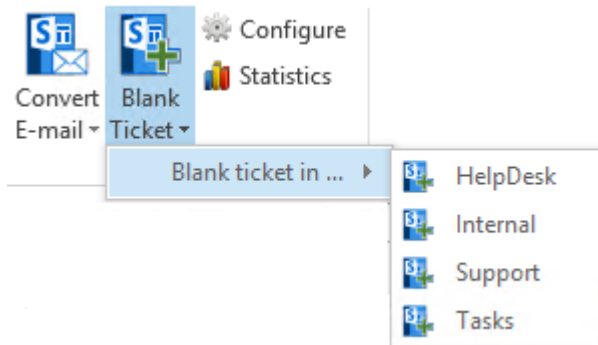
The 'Pick Caller' dialog box shows a search interface. At the top, there are radio buttons for 'Name only' (selected) and 'More columns'. Below is a search bar with a 'Go' button. To the right, there's a dropdown menu for 'Address Book' set to 'Contacts - Sales inbox' and an 'Advanced Find' link. The main area is a table with three columns: 'Name', 'Display Name', and 'E-mail Address'. The table lists several contacts, with 'Amie Baldwin' selected. At the bottom, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Name	Display Name	E-mail Address
Amie Baldwin	Amie Baldwin (Business Fax)	Amie Baldwin@(206) 555-2841
Baris Cetinok	Baris Cetinok (cetinok@hotmail.com)	cetinok@hotmail.com
Becki Culbert	Becki Culbert (beckic@terrafirm.com)	beckic@terrafirm.com
Becki Culbert	Becki Culbert (Business Fax)	Becki Culbert@(206) 555-3045
Bonnie Kearney	Bonnie Kearney (Business Fax)	Bonnie Kearney@(206) 555-2855
Cally Wai	Cally Wai (yourname@arcaidia.com)	yourname@arcaidia.com
Cally Wai	Cally Wai (Business Fax)	Cally Wai@(206) 425-8976
Cindy Durkin	Cindy Durkin (Business Fax)	Ms. Cindy Durkin@(206) 555-2845
David Richards	David Richards (davidri@champion...)	davidri@championzone.net
Don Hall	Don Hall (Business Fax)	Don Hall@(206) 555-2853
Erin O'Melia	Erin O'Melia (erino@terrafirm.com)	erino@terrafirm.com
Erin O'Melia	Erin O'Melia (Business Fax)	Erin O'Melia@(206) 555-1249
Fidelma McGinn	Fidelma McGinn (fidelmam@terrafir...)	fidelmam@terrafirm.com
Fidelma McGinn	Fidelma McGinn (Business Fax)	Fidelma McGinn@(206) 555-3894

When the new ticket is created it will open in your browser automatically, so that you can fill out the

information needed.

Just like with the conversion button the Blank Ticket text and the little arrow will give you a choice of lists when your organization uses several SharePoint lists with *HelpDesk OSP*.

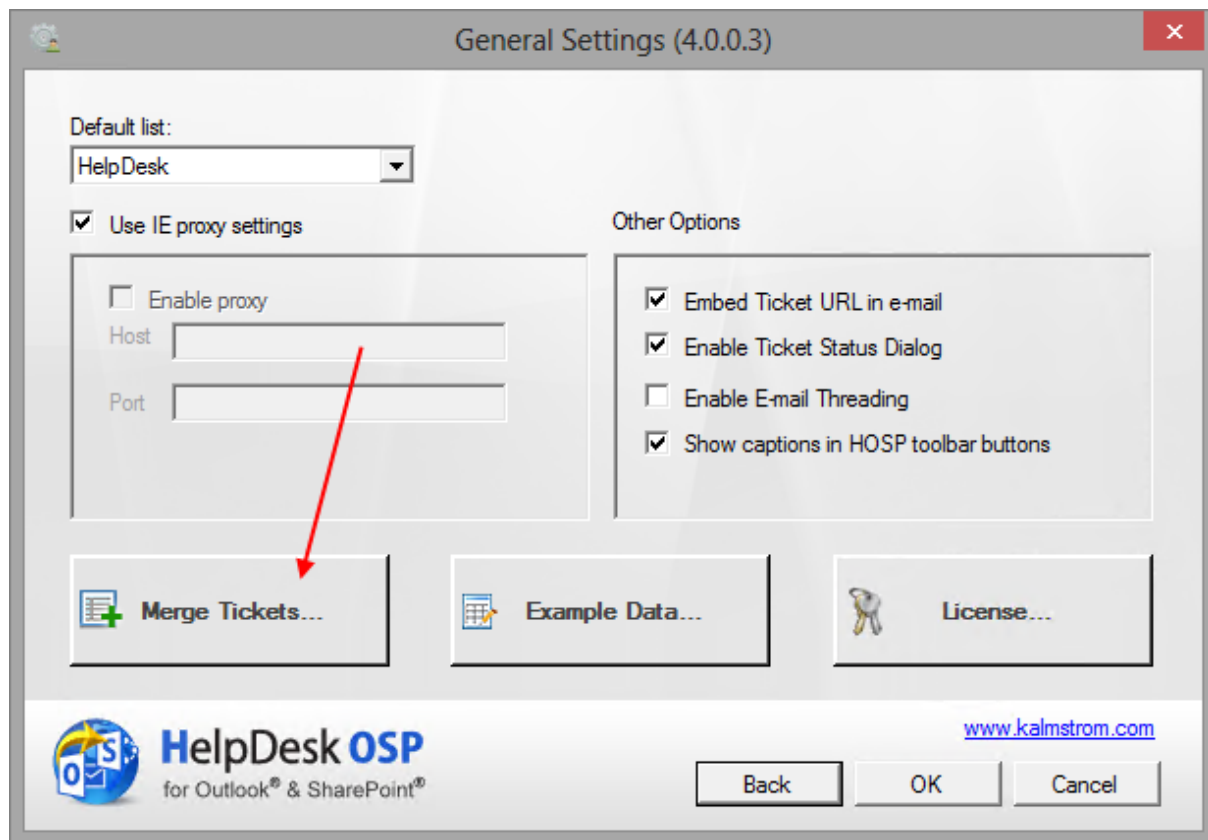


## 12.3 MERGE TICKETS

If you wish to merge several tickets into one, press the Configure button in Outlook and then the shortcut to the Merge Ticket button in the main screen.

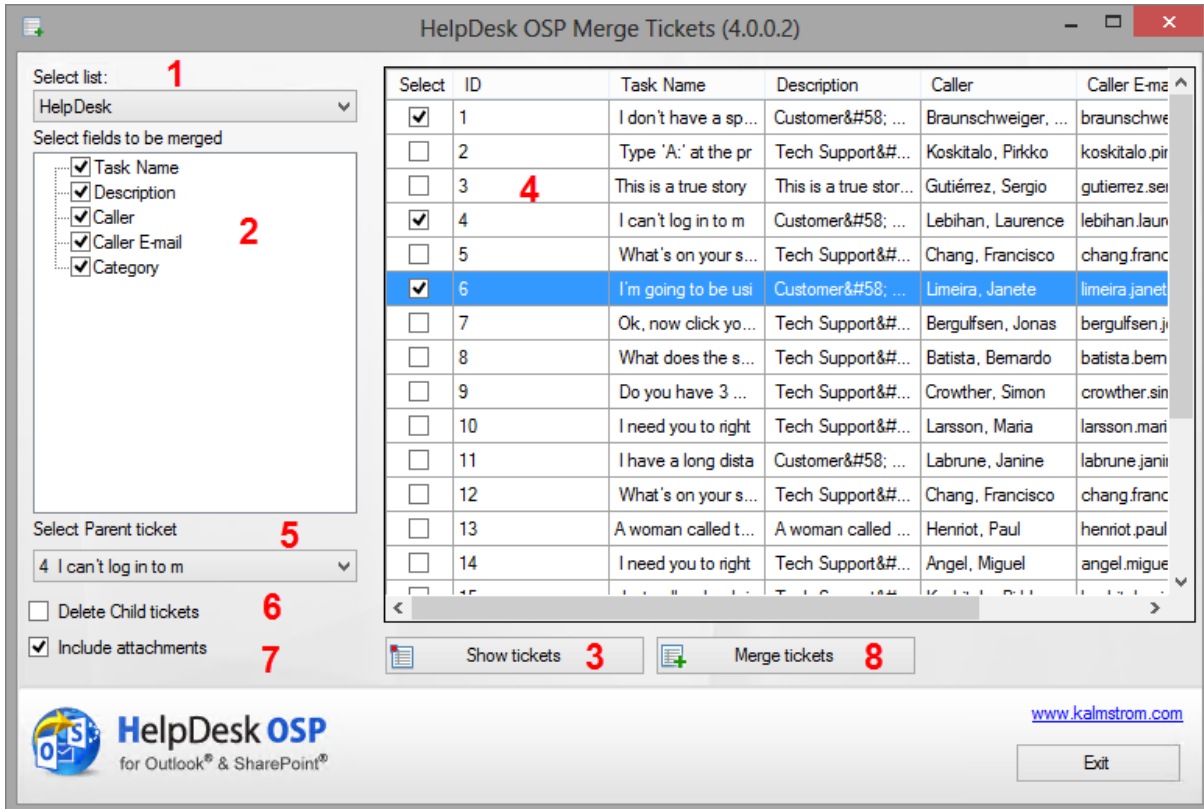


You can also reach the Merge tickets feature from the General Settings dialog.



A Merge Tickets dialog will open.





Select	ID	Task Name	Description	Caller	Caller E-mail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	I don't have a sp...	Customer&#58; ...	Braunschweiger, ...	braunschwe...
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Type 'A.' at the pr	Tech Support&#...	Koskitalo, Pirkko	koskitalo.pir
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	This is a true story	This is a true stor...	Gutiérrez, Sergio	gutierrez.ser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	I can't log in to m	Customer&#58; ...	Lebihan, Laurence	lebihan.laun
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	What's on your s...	Tech Support&#...	Chang, Francisco	chang.franc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	I'm going to be usi	Customer&#58; ...	Limeira, Janete	limeira.janet
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Ok, now click yo...	Tech Support&#...	Bergulfen, Jonas	bergulfen.j
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	What does the s...	Tech Support&#...	Batista, Bemardo	batista.bem
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Do you have 3 ...	Tech Support&#...	Crowther, Simon	crowther.sin
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	I need you to right	Tech Support&#...	Larsson, Maria	larsson.mari
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	I have a long dista	Customer&#58; ...	Labrune, Janine	labrune.jani
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	What's on your s...	Tech Support&#...	Chang, Francisco	chang.franc
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	A woman called t...	A woman called ...	Henriot, Paul	henriot.paul
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	I need you to right	Tech Support&#...	Angel, Miguel	angel.migue
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	I need you to right	Tech Support&#...	Angel, Miguel	angel.migue

To merge tickets, follow this procedure:

1. **Select a list** where tickets should be merged. If only one list is used for *HelpDesk OSP*, that one will be shown. If several lists are used, you can select the required list from the dropdown.
2. The Merge Tickets feature supports merging text and note type fields. For other fields merging is not possible. **Check the fields** that should be included.
3. Press the **Show tickets** button.
4. Select from the tickets in the grid **which tickets** should be merged into another ticket, the Parent ticket.
5. **Select the Parent ticket.** All the selected parts of the selected tickets will be merged into the selected Parent ticket.
6. Check the delete box if the tickets that have been merged - the Child tickets - should be deleted after having been merged into the Parent ticket.
7. Uncheck the attachments box if you do not want attachments of the Child tickets to be merged into the Parent ticket.
8. Click **Merge tickets** to start the process.

## 12.4 E-MAIL THREADING

The e-mail threading feature in *HelpDesk OSP* makes it possible to **add each e-mail concerning the same case to the first ticket**, instead of creating one ticket for each e-mail. This process gives the responsible staff a chronological listing of all conversation related to that particular problem. The entire process is executed transparent to the user. The e-mail threading feature works for both manual and automatic conversion.

When an incoming e-mail is converted and E-mail threading is enabled, each time *HelpDesk OSP* finds a SharePoint item with the same ticket ID as the incoming e-mail, the body of the e-mail will be added to the corresponding field of the list item with the same ID. *HelpDesk OSP* will also tag the appended content of the SharePoint ticket with the name of the sender and system time at every update.

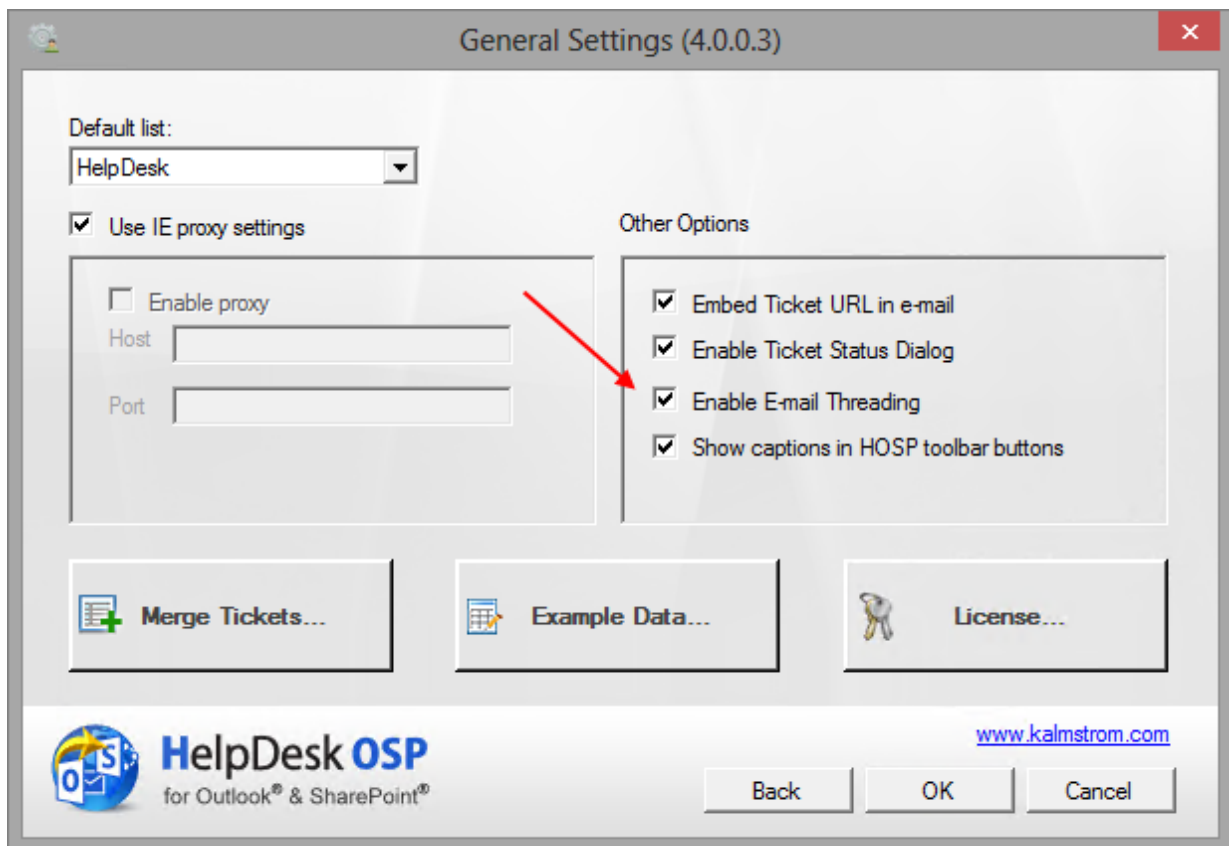
If an incoming e-mail is converted and *HelpDesk OSP* does *not* find a SharePoint item with the same ticket ID, a new item will be added to the list.

Note that for **manual conversion** you must convert the subsequent e-mails just like you did with the first one. They will be added to the earlier ticket, but you must do the conversion step first.

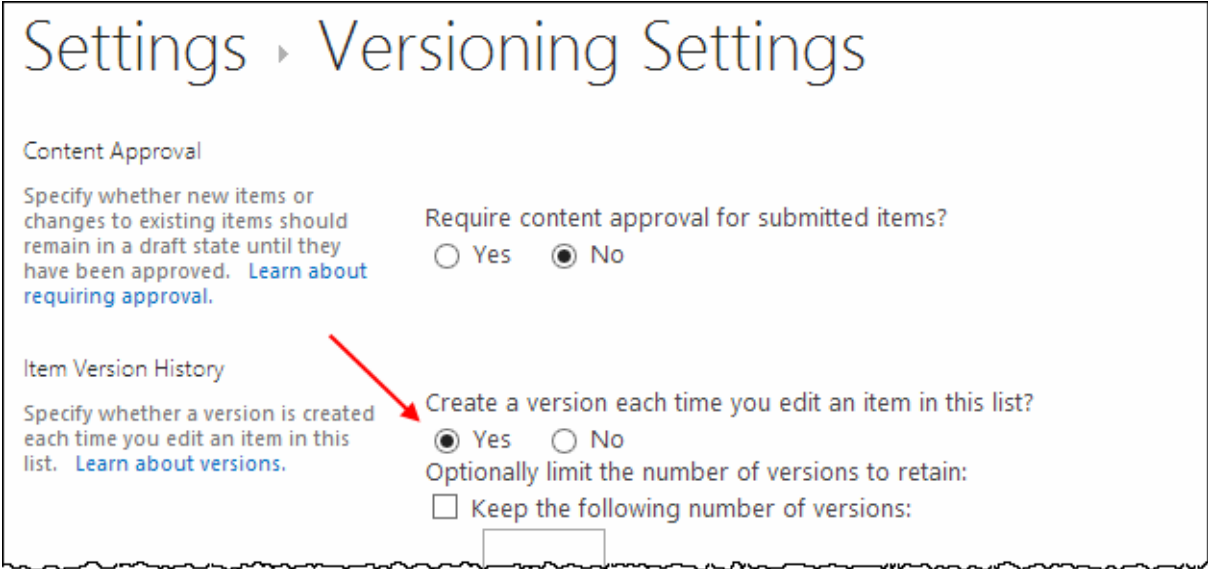
When the tickets are created manually and there are multiple SharePoint lists to choose from, you have to be careful while selecting SharePoint list from the Outlook toolbar dropdown. If you select the wrong list when creating an e-mail thread and there is a ticket with the same ID in that list, the wrong ticket will be updated with the new information.

### 12.4.1 SharePoint and *HelpDesk OSP* settings

The 'Enable E-mail threading' option in the *HelpDesk OSP* settings under **General Settings** must be enabled for this feature to work.



You must also make a setting in the SharePoint list(s):

1. In the SharePoint site, under List Settings > General Settings > **Versioning Settings**, activate the option **Yes** for 'Create a version each time you edit an item in this list?'.  


Settings ▸ Versioning Settings

Content Approval

Specify whether new items or changes to existing items should remain in a draft state until they have been approved. [Learn about requiring approval.](#)

Require content approval for submitted items?  
☐ Yes ☒ No

Item Version History

Specify whether a version is created each time you edit an item in this list. [Learn about versions.](#)

Create a version each time you edit an item in this list?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

Optionally limit the number of versions to retain:  
☐ Keep the following number of versions:

- Create/Use a **multiline** field with the setting "Append Changes to Existing Text" set to **Yes**.

Settings ▸ Create Column ⓘ

Name and Type

Type a name for this column, and select the type of information you want to store in the column.

Column name:

The type of information in this column is:

☐ Single line of text

☒ Multiple lines of text

☐ Choice (menu to choose from)

☐ Number (1, 10, 100)

Specify the type of text to allow:

☐ Plain text

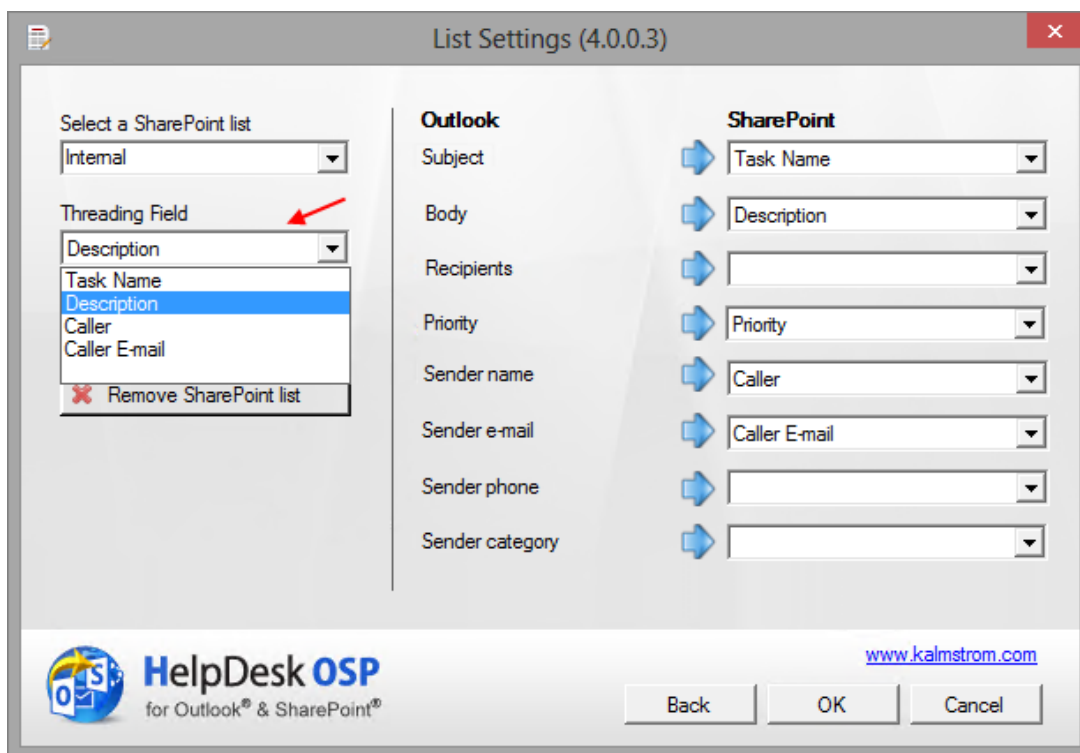
☒ Enhanced rich text (Rich text with pictures, tables, and hyperlinks)

Append Changes to Existing Text

☒ Yes ☐ No

- This multi-line field has to be selected as **Threading Field** in the *HelpDesk OSP* List Settings.

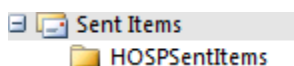




When the checkbox under General Settings is checked and the three settings above are made, every e-mail in a thread will be added to the same SharePoint list item.

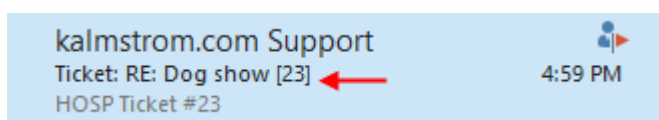
#### 12.4.2 Sent e-mails folder

All sent e-mails of the e-mail threading will be moved to the subfolder **HOSPSENTItems** under Sent Items after they have been added into the SharePoint ticket.



#### 12.4.3 The e-mail

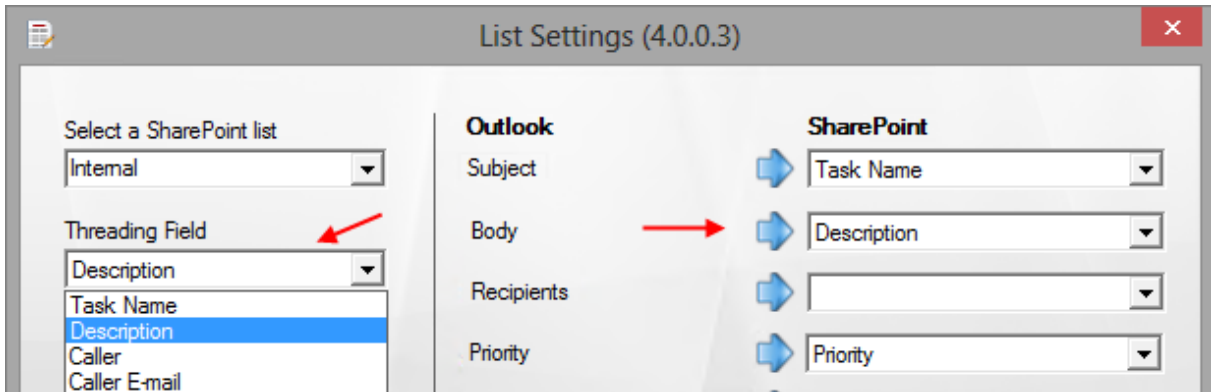
When you create a ticket from an e-mail and the option 'Enable E-mail Threading' is checked, *HelpDesk OSP* will append the ticket ID in the Subject of the processed e-mail (Ticket: + Subject + [ticket id]) to identify its SharePoint item ID.



When you reply to an e-mail that has been converted into a ticket, make sure the conversion process has finished. Otherwise the Threading feature will not work. To check this, see if the subject line of the email has changed to "Ticket: <Subject> [ ticket #] "

#### 12.4.4 The e-mail thread in the ticket


Below is a ticket created from three emails of a case. The ticket was first created from the first e-mail, shown at the bottom, and then info from the subsequent e-mails have been added to the same ticket.




The image below shows how the e-mails are entered if you use the description field for both e-mail body and e-mail threading, see above. Then the first e-mail will be at the bottom of the ticket and the subsequent tickets will be added on top of it. This image shows the edit view of the ticket.

HOSP - I am having problem with my printer.

View

 Edit Item

 Delete Item

Manage

Version History

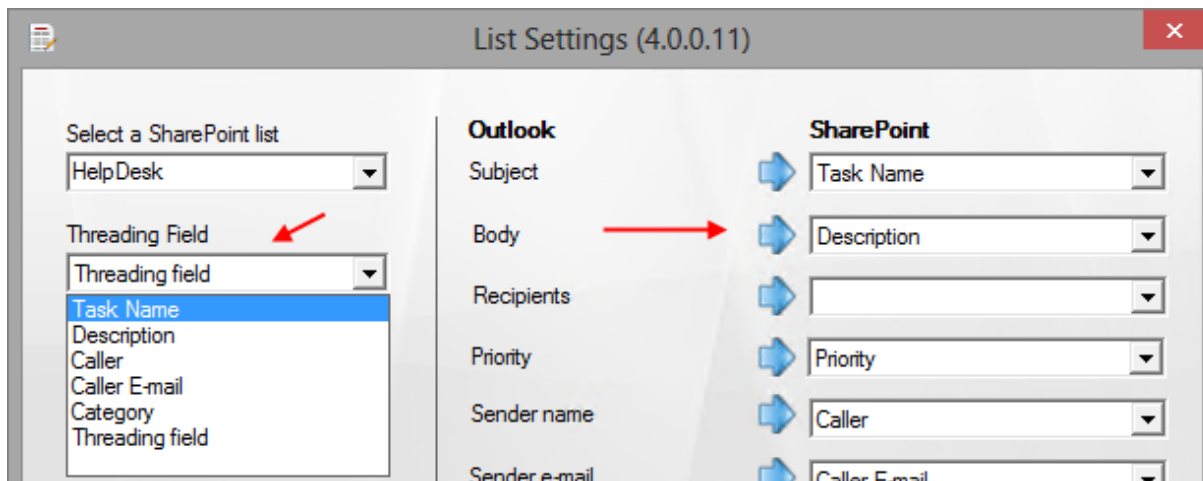
Manage Permissions

Alert Me

Actions

Title	I am having problem with my printer.
Assigned To	
Issue Status	Active
Priority	(2) Normal
Description	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid #ccc; padding-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #2e5496; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">System Account</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #000080;">(7/10/2013 12:04 AM):</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">7/10/2013 12:34:15 PM, Barry Johnson- Hi Support,</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: red; float: left; margin-right: 10px;">3</div> <div> <p>Thanks for your support. Now problem has resolved and I am able to print the spreadsheet now. Kind regards, Barry Johnson</p> </div> </div> </div> </div> <div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #2e5496; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">System Account</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #000080;">(7/9/2013 11:58 PM):</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">7/10/2013 12:28:23 PM, Cliff Diddier- Hi Barry,</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: red; float: left; margin-right: 10px;">2</div> <div> <p>I am sorry for the trouble. To troubleshoot printing problems with spreadsheet, check the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set Print Area. The Print Area is set incorrectly. To reset the Print Area to the entire spreadsheet, choose Select All from the Edit menu. From the Format menu, choose Set Print Area. Then choose OK to set the Print Area for the correct selection.</li> <li>2. Column and Rows are Hidden. Both column and rows can be hidden in and will not print. To unhide a column or row, from the Edit menu, choose Go To. In the GoTo box, type a cell of the column or row that is hidden and choose OK. Then from the Format menu, select Column Width (if column hidden) or Row Height (if row hidden). Next, enter a value in the Width or Height box (the default column width is 10 and the default row height is 12) or select Best Fit and choose OK.</li> <li>3. Printer Driver. If the spreadsheet displays correctly in Print Preview, but does not print correctly, check the printer driver.</li> </ol> </div> </div> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #2e5496; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">System Account</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #000080;">(7/9/2013 11:37 PM):</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">Hi Support,</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: red; float: left; margin-right: 10px;">1</div> <div> <p>I am having problem in my printer- it is not printing my spreadsheet.</p> <p>Kind regards, Barry Johnson</p> </div> </div> </div>
Category	(2) Category2
Due Date	
Caller Name	Barry Johnson
Caller E-Mail	barryj@contoso.com
Caller Phone	(206) 555 8673

If you want another order between the first and subsequent e-mail, you can use a **separate threading field** and place this where you want the threading to come in the ticket.



Maybe you want to always have the first e-mail on top, to always see at a first glance what the issue is about? Then you can map the e-mail body with the description field and the subsequent thread with another field that you place below the description field. This mapping will give the first e-mail on top and the subsequent e-mails ordered from the bottom and upwards. The image below show such an e-mail thread in the ticket standard view.

(Custom SharePoint fields are placed below the default ones by default, so no further customization of the list item is necessary to get the custom threading field below the default description field. For other positions, modify the form in SharePoint Designer.)

Title I am having problem with my printer.  
Assigned To  
Issue Status Active  
Priority (2) Normal  
Description Hi Support,

**1**

I am having problem in my printer- it is not printing my spreadsheet.

Regards,  
Neha Gupta

Category (2) Category2  
Due Date  
Caller Name Neha Gupta  
Caller Email neha@nehagupta.onmicrosoft.com  
Caller Phonenumber 91-9854543224  
Caller Organization NGK

Email Threading ☐ Ankita kunchal (7/14/2013 11:01 PM):  
7/15/2013 11:31:58 AM, Neha Gupta-  
[App Form.docx](#)

[Spreadsheet.png](#)

Hi Support,

**3**

It is an epson printer.  
Also find error screenshot in attachment.

Regards,  
Neha Gupta

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☐ Ankita kunchal (7/14/2013 10:51 PM):  
7/15/2013 11:22:24 AM, Ankita Kunchal-

Hi Neha

**2**

What is brand of your printer ?

Support Team

Attachments [Spreadsheet.png](#)  
[App Form.docx](#)

#### 12.4.5 Use of E-mail threading + multiple teams and lists

If you have a situation with several helpdesk teams, A and B, using different mailboxes to monitor incoming mails and different lists, you might want to send a case from one team to another, to ask for help. You then have the following situation:

When a processed e-mail having the ticket ID in the subject field from mailbox A is forwarded to mailbox B *HelpDesk OSP* will check if there is a ticket ID tag in the subject. If it is there, *HelpDesk OSP* will try to check if that ticket exists under the SharePoint list B.

If a ticket ID does not exist, *HelpDesk OSP* will create a new ticket in list B, and this is not a problem. But if it *does* exist, *HelpDesk OSP* will add the newest portion to that ticket. Note that the problem of the ticket with that ID in list B is probably not the same as of the e-mail with that ID that originally was for list A.

To avoid this, when forwarding an e-mail from team A to team B, **remove the ticket ID under brackets** and then send the e-mail. That way *HelpDesk OSP* in team B will process that email as a new ticket in list B.

## 13 REPORT

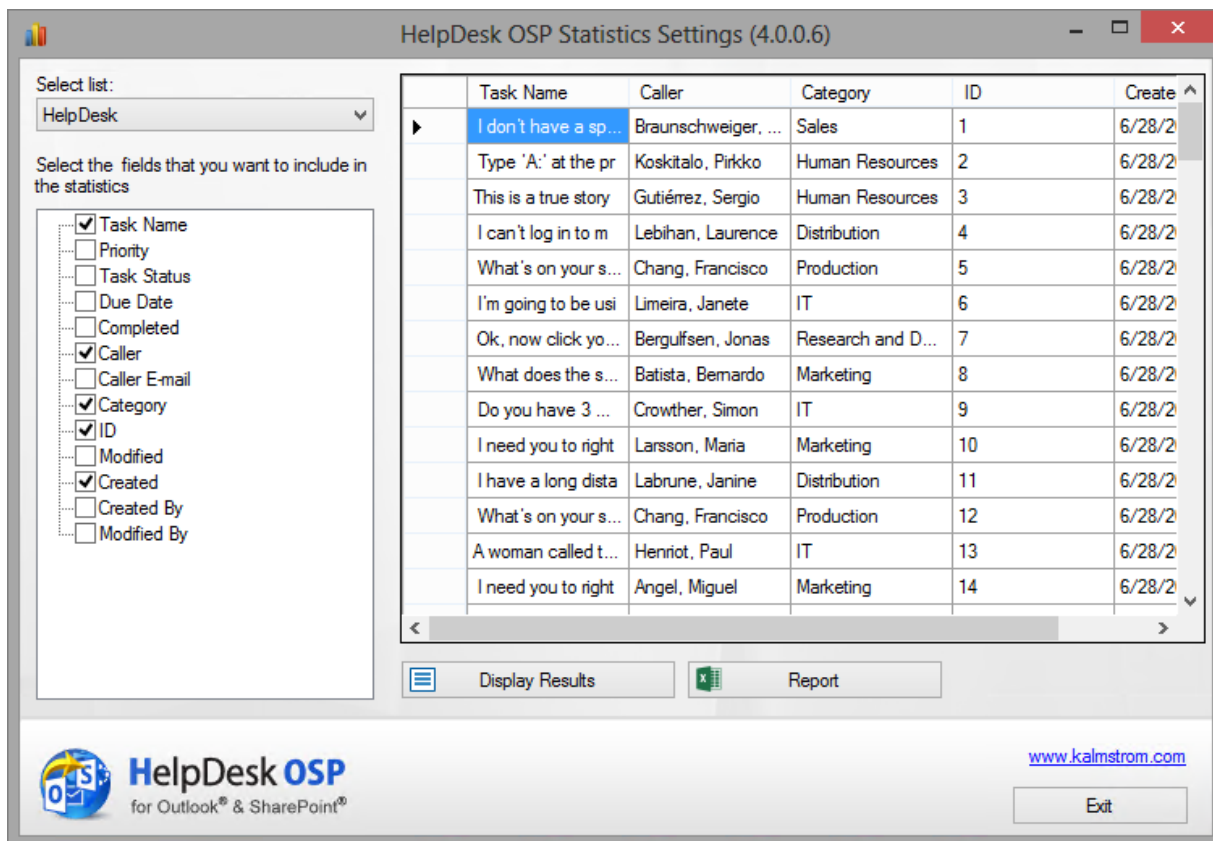
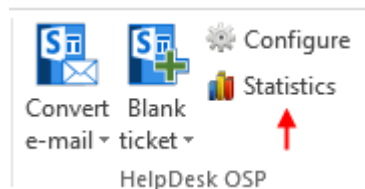
The statistics report is reached via the Statistics button in the *HelpDesk OSP* toolbar in Outlook.

When you click the Statistics button, you will get a dialog that lets you select SharePoint list and fields for the statistics. By default all the fields in the list are selected.

When you have selected fields, press Display Results.

When you then click Report, an Excel file with the selected data will be shown. It is a normal Excel sheet, so all the standard Excel features can be used with the *HelpDesk OSP* reports.

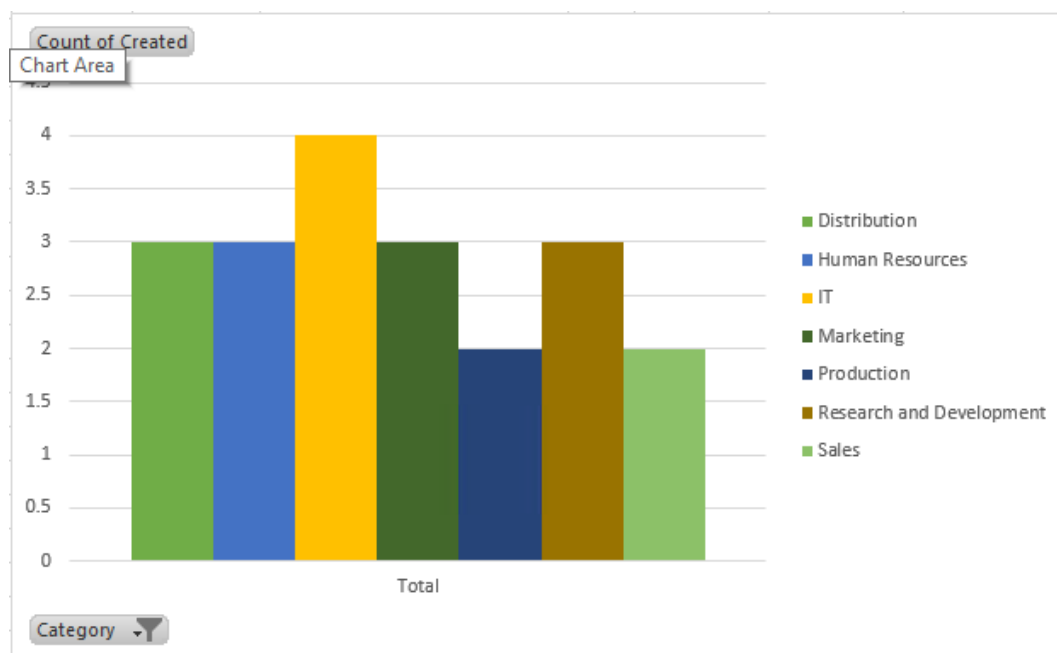
Below the admin is interested to see what tickets have come in from the different departments in June 2013. The admin first selects the relevant fields:



In the Excel report, the admin filters the Created date so that only June 2013 is displayed.

Book5 - Excel					
FILE HOME INSERT PAGE LAYOUT FORMULAS DATA REVIEW VIEW DESIGN					
Clipboard Font Alignment Number Styles Cells					
C1 : X ✓ fx Completed					
1	Task Name	Caller	Category	Created	SPList
2	Dog show	Kate Kalmström		6/29/2013 7:13	21
3	I can't log in to m	Lebihan, Laurence	Distribution	6/28/2013 4:18	4
4	I have a long dista	Labrune, Janine	Distribution	6/28/2013 4:18	11
5	I don't have a spac	Carvalho, Lúcia	Distribution	6/28/2013 4:19	18
6	Type 'A' at the pr	Koskitalo, Pirkko	Human Resources	6/28/2013 4:18	2
7	This is a true story	Gutiérrez, Sergio	Human Resources	6/28/2013 4:18	3
8	Just call us back i	Koskitalo, Pirkko	Human Resources	6/28/2013 4:19	15
9	I'm going to be usi	Limeira, Janete	IT	6/28/2013 4:18	6
10	Do you have 3 ½ inc	Crowther, Simon	IT	6/28/2013 4:18	9
11	A woman called the C	Henriot, Paul	IT	6/28/2013 4:18	13
12	What does the scree	Afonso, Pedro	IT	6/28/2013 4:19	20
13	What does the scree	Batista, Bernardo	Marketing	6/28/2013 4:18	8
14	I need you to right	Larsson, Maria	Marketing	6/28/2013 4:18	10
15	I need you to right	Angel, Miguel	Marketing	6/28/2013 4:18	14
16	What's on your scre	Chang, Francisco	Production	6/28/2013 4:18	5
17	What's on your scre	Chang, Francisco	Production	6/28/2013 4:18	12
18	Ok, now click your	Bergulfsen, Jonas	Research and Development	6/28/2013 4:18	7
19	A woman called the C	Camino, Aleiandra	Research and Development	6/28/2013 4:19	16

And here is a simple graph on the same data, for June 2013 but with only the caller category and number of tickets included.





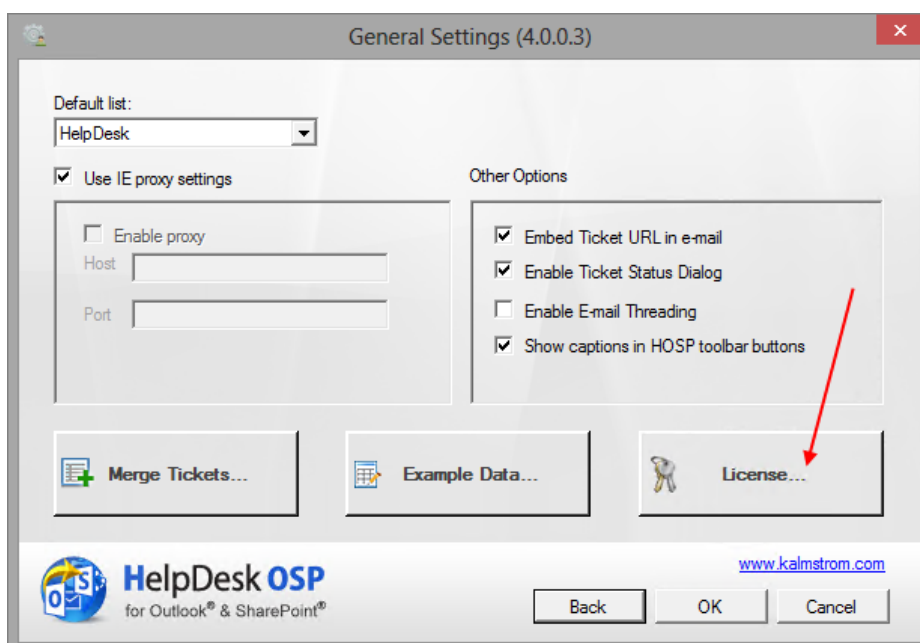
## 14 THE KALMSTROM.COM COMMUNITY

Subscribers to *HelpDesk OSP* and other kalmstrom.com products become member of the kalmstrom.com Community. There are two membership levels, refer to <http://www.kalmstrom.com/Community/>.

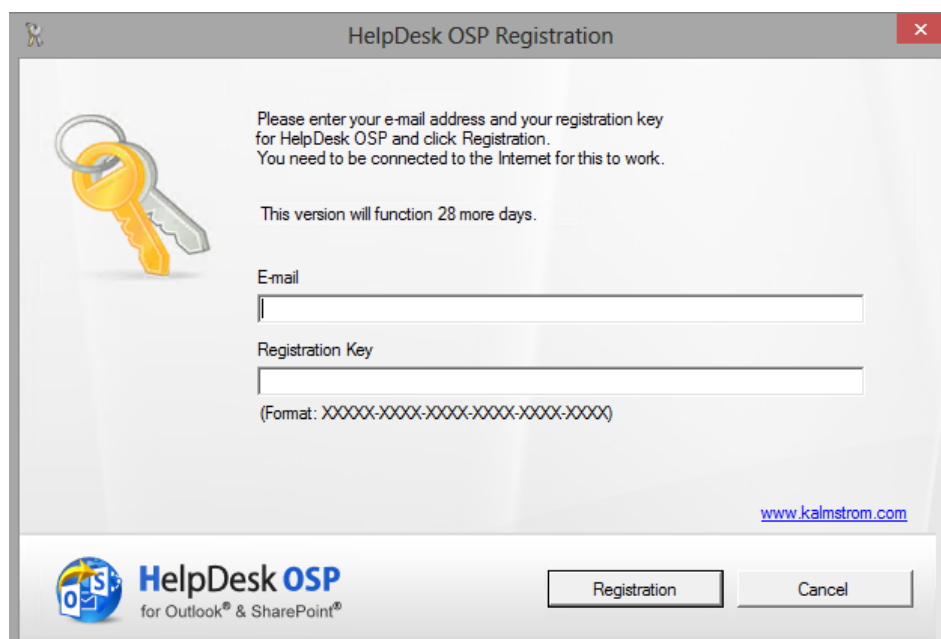
Support, free upgrades and an unlimited access to the kalmstrom.com products within the organization are included in both levels. Premium Members of the kalmstrom.com Community do not have to register their installations.

## 15 REGISTRATION

After the 30 days evaluation period *HelpDesk OSP* stops functioning. To continue using it you can either join the kalmstrom.com Community as a Premium Member and get your own, register free copy of the application or become a standard Member and register it. Insert the registration code in the License dialog in the Configuration **General Settings** dialog.



The admin can register for all users that are connected to the same SharePoint site. A registration key and an e-mail address with the company domain should be entered in the registration dialog.



## 16 CONTACT

The solutions of kalmstrom.com are supposed to be very easy to deploy, use and manage. However, if you have any kind of problem or questions about our software, there are several ways of contacting us:

E-mail	<a href="mailto:support@kalmstrom.com">support@kalmstrom.com</a>	Technical issues
	<a href="mailto:sales@kalmstrom.com">sales@kalmstrom.com</a>	General and sales issues
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Telephone	+46 739 206 106	Within USA: (800) 518-4155
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Online Chat	<a href="http://www.kalmstrom.com">www.kalmstrom.com</a>	
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## 17 UPGRADE HELPDESK OSP

Upgrades are free for Members of kalmstrom.com Community, and we recommend that you take advantage of this benefit. Follow these steps to upgrade *HelpDesk OSP*. All your settings will be kept.

1. Download the file **HelpDeskOSPSetup** in .msi or .zip format from the kalmstrom.com website. (Extract the .zip file.)
2. Close Outlook if it is open.
3. Run the downloaded file, **HelpDeskOSPSetup.msi**. The upgrade will look just like the installation.

When you upgrade to version 4 from a lower version, you need a new registration key. Please contact [support@kalmstrom.com](mailto:support@kalmstrom.com).

## 18 REMOVE *HELPDESK OSP*

Remove *HelpDesk OSP* through the Control Panel, Add or Remove Programs / Programs and Features. This will not remove the SharePoint list(s) or the items/tickets. It will only remove the integration between Outlook and SharePoint.

## 19 GENERAL ARCHITECTURE

### 19.1 THE FILES AND THEIR PURPOSE

*Helpdesk OSP* consists of several compressed files. During installation they are automatically extracted and placed in a **HelpDesk OSP** folder under Program files/kalmstrom.com/HelpDesk OSP (32-bit Windows) or Program files (x86)/kalmstrom.com/HelpDesk OSP (64-bit Windows) and in a **HOSP folder** under User\AppData\Roaming\kalmstrom.com.

In the *HelpDesk OSP* folder:

HOSP.exe	The <b>HOSP.exe</b> application is run when you press the Configure button, when you create a SharePoint ticket or manually by clicking this file. HOSP.exe posts tickets to a SharePoint list and lets you save or change your settings, both the locally saved and the settings saved in The hidden site list.
HOSP.dll	The <b>HelpDeskOSP.dll</b> file adds a toolbar to Outlook, so that you can manipulate items in your Outlook mail folders and also register <i>HelpDesk OSP</i> .
HOSPStatistics.exe	This application is run when you click the <b>Statistics</b> button in the <i>HelpDesk OSP</i> toolbar in Outlook.
HOSPExampleData.exe	This application is run when you click the <b>Example Data</b> button in the <i>HelpDesk OSP</i> Settings. It creates demo tickets into selected SharePoint list. You can also edit the data of these demo tickets.
HOSPTicketMerge.exe	This file merges tickets according to your choice in the Merge Tickets dialog.

This folder also contains several supporting .dll files.

In the **HOSP** folder:

HOSPSettings.xml	This file contains the locally stored settings information: site URL, password and e-mail folder(s) to monitor. The files HOSP.exe and HOSP.dll read from and write to HOSPSettings.xml.
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## 19.2 THE HIDDEN SITE LIST

When the administrator or first user saves the configuration of a SharePoint site in the *HelpDesk OSP* Settings, a hidden list, "HOSPSETTING" is created at the selected SharePoint site. In that list an item is created and in the body of that list item all list info is saved. Thereby all users of the site will get these setting at a fresh installation.

Once the hidden setting list has been created it is available to all other users. When a user adds a SharePoint list via the Outlook Configuration dialog and the application finds a "HOSPSETTING" list on that site, it loads all the configured lists to the user. This way a new user gets all list settings automatically.

If *HelpDesk OSP* finds a "HOSPSETTING" list on the site it overwrites any new settings over previous settings. All the other users get the new settings when they restart their application and connect to the site again.

### 19.2.1 Permissions

*HelpDesk OSP* respects the permissions set in SharePoint. When the permissions on the settings list are changed so that only particular users can change it, other users of *HelpDesk OSP* will not be able to change the settings list.